

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2501

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rose DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Compton Bridge Reconstruction, Phase 2 in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of St. Louis, Missouri, located at 1200 Market St, Room 200, St. Louis, MO 63103. The funding would be used to replace the aging Midtown bridge which would improve pedestrian and cyclist access and safety.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Compton Avenue is a vital minor arterial road and transportation corridor in Midtown St. Louis supporting multiple modes of transit. Spanning eleven neighborhoods, it connects residents, workers, and visitors to essential destinations, including Saint Louis University and Hospital, Harris-Stowe University, the Missouri Department of Social Services, Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, and the Grand Center District

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W3mf', likely representing Wesley Bell.

Wesley Bell
Member of Congress