

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

May 23, 2025

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 Operation Smart Street in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is St. Louis County, MO, located at 41 S Central Ave, Clayton, MO 63105. The funding would be used to install Roadside Units (RSUs) at traffic signals that communicate with On-Board Units (OBUs) in vehicles, including emergency vehicles and buses, as well as with pedestrians and cyclists via smartphone apps. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these upgrades would improve safety by reducing severe crashes, alerting drivers to signal changes and nearby pedestrians or cyclists, and allowing emergency vehicles to change lights for quicker response.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code.

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', located below the 'Sincerely,' text.

Wesley Bell
Member of Congress