

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Pearl, Mississippi, Pearl/Richland Intermodal Connector-Richland Creek Bridge project. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Pearl, Mississippi, located at 2420 Old Brandon Road, Pearl, Mississippi, 39208. The funding would replace the Richland Creek bridge on South Pearson Road, and this project is part of the Pearl/Richland Intermodal Connector Phase II. The project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because Pearl/Richland Intermodal Connector is an important link in the national freight and railroad system and would improve and enhance the nation's multimodal freight and supply chain movement. The Intermodal Connector has been a Federal, State, regional, and local priority for nearly twenty years after Congress authorized the Pearl-Richland Intermodal Connector as a High Priority Highway Project in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2005 § 1704(4400) (PL 109-59; Aug. 10, 2005). It also offers national, state, regional, and local benefits for economic development and competitiveness, public safety, environmental sustainability, and quality of life. Phase II was included in the Jackson, Mississippi, Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Project #210).

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133; 23 USC 201.

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

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Guest". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M".

Michael Guest
Member of Congress