

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2503

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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 Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for High Street Viaduct Replacement in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Jefferson, located at 320 E. McCarty Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101. The funding would be used to replace a bridge that was built in 1949 and is reaching the end of its life.

The bridge is deteriorating to the point that a hole developed in the deck in the fall of 2022. That hole was repaired but rehabilitating the bridge as a whole is not feasible due to its condition. The proposed replacement will allow for the direct connection of Missouri Boulevard with W. High Street. The proposed project includes pedestrian underpasses to increase the safety of pedestrians. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will significantly increase the safety of pedestrians and motorists in this downtown, high pedestrian traffic location.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



Bob Onder (MO-03)
Member of Congress