

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the White Road Non-NBI Bridge Replacement project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Oak Grove, located at 2210 S. Broadway, Oak Grove, Missouri 64075. The funding would be used to replace the existing one-lane, weight-limited bridge with a modern two-lane 47' prestressed girder bridge will provide significant benefits to the area by improving safety, efficiency, and the reliability of vital services.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses critical infrastructure needs that directly impact public safety, emergency response, and community efficiency. Replacing the outdated, weight-limited bridge will eliminate costly detours, reduce emergency response times, and ensure timely school bus operations, ultimately improving service delivery. By investing in a durable and modern bridge, taxpayers will save in the long run by avoiding more expensive repairs or potential closures, which would disrupt essential services and add significant costs.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by chapter 23 of United States Code 133.

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

Sincerely,



Mark Alford
Member of Congress