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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Extension of CSAH 116/Fletcher Bypass project in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Rogers located at 22350 South Diamond Lake Road, Rogers, MN 55374. The funding would be used to realign the existing 2-lane Fletcher Lane/CSAH 116 with a new 2-lane divided A-Minor Arterial that includes left and right turn lanes and traffic signals at intersections with Territorial Road (CSAH 116) and CSAH 81.

The Fletcher Lane bypass project has been in the planning stages for over 20 years between the City of Rogers and Hennepin County. Key benefits of the proposed design include better accommodation of vehicular movements, improved access management along the roadway, a safer railroad crossing, and improved access and safety for people walking and biking. Paved shoulders, dedicated turn lanes, and other design elements will also improve safety for freight traffic. In addition to these benefits in the immediate project area, the proposed bypass will shift traffic volumes and associated impacts on local roads and downtown Rogers, especially Main Street, to a more appropriate roadway. Residential areas along Main Street, downtown Rogers, as well as students at Rogers Elementary STEM Magnet School will benefit from reduced traffic and safer bicycle and pedestrian crossings.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Please know that I appreciate your consideration of my requests and look forward to working with you as the appropriations process moves forward. If you have questions or require additional information, do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'D. Phillips', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dean Phillips
Member of Congress