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May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Nevada I-15 Grade Separated Emergency Crossover Bridge – Milepost 5 in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Nevada Department of Transportation, located at 1263 South Stewart Street Carson City, NV 89712. The funding would enable the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) to build one of six emergency bridges to give first responders the ability to cross over the new Brightline West (BLW) High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will give first responders the ability to cross over the new BLW High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System, which will implement rail service between Las Vegas and Southern, CA. This 218-mile service will operate 96% of its future alignment within the median of the I-15 highway corridor, changing the conditions for first responders needing to traverse the corridor. Currently, first responders cross the I-15 corridor either via existing interchanges or through openings in the median at regular intervals approximately every 2 miles along I-15. Once the system is built, these median openings will no longer be available. In response, NDOT will build six emergency crossover bridges for first responders to use, allowing for increased overall response times for first responders. This request is for funding of one of these six structures (MP 5). 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 black ink that reads "Susie Lee".

Rep. Susie Lee  
Member of Congress