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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I request community project funding for the Lee-Ogle Transportation System Land Acquisition and Facility Construction to Support Future Growth project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Lee County, located at 112 East Second St., Dixon, IL 61021. The funding will be used to purchase an adjacent 6.9-acre parcel of vacant land to construct a new 7,000 square foot facility. Effective as of July 1, 2023, Lee-Ogle Transportation System (LOTS) will transition from LOTS to Reagan Mass Transit District (RMTD), an effort approved and supported by both Lee and Ogle Counties. As such, RMTD will become a self-governing entity requiring additional staff to support the needs of the system and the current facility has already maxed out its capacity. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow LOTS/RMTD to accommodate the professional needs of this growing rural transit system, enabling more robust and efficient transit services for residents of Lee and Ogle counties that rely on this crucial public resource.

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,

Darin LaHood
Member of Congress