



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

March 27, 2026

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

I am requesting funding for the Shepard & Greenbriar Intersection Improvements project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Normal, located at 11 Uptown Circle, Normal, IL 61761. The funding would be used to construct intersection improvements to allow safe, efficient vehicular movements and reduce the risk for either serious or potentially fatal injury crashes.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current two-way stop design has resulted in right-angle collisions which come with increased risk for fatal and serious injury crashes. Drivers frequently have difficulty making turns at the intersection during the busy morning and evening peak traffic hours. It is particularly difficult to turn onto Shepard Road from Greenbriar Drive, and vehicles making this turn are frequently delayed while waiting for safe turning gaps in oncoming traffic.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133.

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