

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1805**

May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of West Monroe, LA Downing Pines Road Improvements Thomas Road to US-80 Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, located at P.O. Box 94245 (1201 Capitol Access Road), Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245.

The funding would be used for a mill, patch, and overlay for 1.7 miles from the intersection of Downing Pines Road and Thomas Road to the intersection of Downing Pines Road and U.S. 80. It will also include the addition of a turn lane from Downing Pines to Thomas Road at the intersection of Thomas Road.

This project is a good use of taxpayer funding because it will improve vehicular flow in a high-volume traffic area, enhance safety, and support economic growth for the City of West Monroe and surrounding communities.

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

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

I request you give this project every consideration, consistent with all rules and regulations. Thank you for your attention to this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Julia Letlow, Ph.D.  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS