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May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting \$4 million for the City of Cocoa for needed rail facility adjustments for a planned Multi-Modal Passenger Station in the City. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Cocoa, Florida, located at 65 Stone St., Cocoa, Florida 32922.

The vision for this project captures the multimodal transportation needs of a growing community that is integral to the rapidly expanding public and private space industry. This transformative facility will increase mobility options not only for the Space Coast region but also for areas west toward Orlando and south toward Miami. The project will also be a tourism boost attracting additional visitors to the Spacecoast.

With the growing demand in the space and tourism industries in the area, a multi-modal station can help to relieve the existing congested transportation network and provide additional economic growth for the region. The facility will provide additional transportation options and easy access for residents as well adding to their quality of life. The funding needed for this project will help support design and construction of the Multimodal transportation hub.

The Executive Director of the Spacecoast Transportation Planning Organization writes: "A multi modal passenger rail station will enhance our transportation network, offering residents and businesses enhanced connectivity through seamless integration of different modes of transportation including rail, bus, and bicycle. The project also offers substantial economic benefits including the creation of numerous jobs, stimulating local business, and attracting development into the area. Tourism will also see a large boost from this project by making our area a more attractive destination for riders.

"This Project aligns with our core vision to provide a safe, multi-modal, innovative, and resilient transportation system for all. This project is included in the TPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the List of Project Priorities, and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)."

The project is an appropriate use of Federal funds because it contributes to efficient and accessible public transportation and helps achieve reduced congestion on public roads and highways and decreasing the air quality impacts associated with such congestion. The easier access to the regional multimodal transportation network will reduce the workers' expenses in traveling to and from their jobs.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized by Chapter 53 of Title 49, United States Code, Public Transportation as explained on the Department of Transportation Transit Administration website. <https://www.transit.dot.gov/grant-programs/community-project-fundingcongressionally-directed-spending>.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Posey". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

Bill Posey
Member of Congress