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May 1, 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 \$350,000 in funding for the City of Palm Bay, Florida, for the design and engineering of three (3) immediate and critical life safety improvements at the intersection of Interstate 95 and State Road 514 (Malabar Road).

The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Palm Bay, Florida, located at 120 Malabar Road SE, Palm Bay, Florida 32907.

The proposed operational improvements at Malabar Road and Interstate 95 are estimated to be \$350,000, as follows:

1. Ramp extension for a longer section of 2-lane ramp at the northbound on-ramp. Design, survey, utility, and permit: \$200,000;
2. Traffic signal improvement to add an overlap phase be implemented, allowing the southbound right-turn phase at the southbound off ramp to run concurrently with the eastbound left-turn phase at the northbound on ramp. Traffic analysis and design: \$150,000; and
3. Close the median on Malabar Road and modify the median opening, at a minimum to restrict the eastbound left-turn movement. Preliminary Engineering & traffic study: \$150,000

City of Palm Bay staff are proposing that the third item be designed and studied in-house by the City's Surveying and Engineering teams within the Public Works Department. This task is estimated to cost \$150,000 (salaries), which will meet the required minimum 20 percent match.

The need for improvements has been identified in an Intersection Analysis commissioned by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District 5.

The project will improve the quality of life in Palm Bay by making travel safer and reducing accidents. This will save lives and reduce costs to both individuals and the City.

The project is an appropriate use of Federal funds because it meets the objectives of the National Safety Act of 1966, 23 U.S.C. 402 and the grants authorized therein.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized by Federal Highway Safety legislation.

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 and written in a cursive-like font.

Bill Posey
Member of Congress