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May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Blenheim Boulevard Multimodal Improvements in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Fairfax, located at 10455 Armstrong Street, Fairfax, VA 22030.

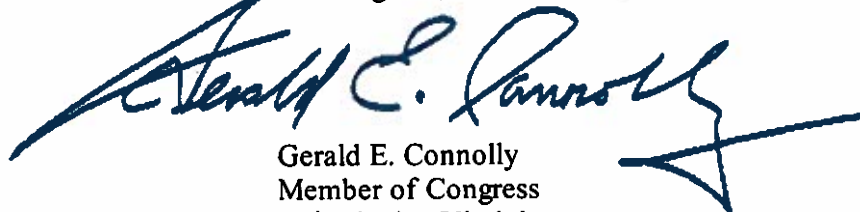
Project: Blenheim Boulevard Multimodal Improvements
Recipient: City of Fairfax, 10455 Armstrong Street, Fairfax, VA 22030
Amount: \$6,000,000

Background: Fairfax City is redesigning the Blenheim Boulevard corridor between Layton Hall Drive and Ridge Avenue with multimodal transportation improvements. This project will benefit the community in the following ways: 1) The project will improve pedestrian safety. The project will provide new, continuous sidewalks along both sides of the corridor. Today, sidewalks are not continuous, and in some locations, are just areas of asphalt separated from vehicular traffic by flex posts. 2) The project will improve bicyclist safety through the provision of a two-way separated cycle track along the north side of the roadway. This corridor is a designated bicycle route between George Mason University and the Vienna Metrorail station and today lacks bicycle facilities. The City will also be expanding a new bike share network onto Blenheim Boulevard with the placement of two bike share stations on the corridor. 3) The project will improve motorist safety through the standardization of the roadway typical section and to provide continuous curblines, which will help curb aggressive driving behavior. The project will also provide four new left turn pockets onto destination side streets with higher turn volumes. This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will improve the safety of a public road that provides critical access to the City of Fairfax and regional transit facilities.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b).

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

Best Regards,



Gerald E. Connolly
Member of Congress
11th District, Virginia