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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Smithtown Pavement Rehabilitation and Infrastructure Renewal Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Smithtown, located at 99 W Main St, Smithtown, NY 11787.


The funding would be used to invest in critical public infrastructure that directly benefits residents, businesses, and emergency responders. Resurfacing and restoring key roadways across the Town of Smithtown will enhance public safety, improve vehicle and pedestrian access, reduce wear and tear on personal vehicles, and lower future maintenance costs for the municipality. Rather than short-term patchwork repairs, this investment will deliver long-term value, improve quality of life, and support economic activity throughout the region, all while addressing core government responsibilities like transportation and safety.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will significantly improve road safety, traffic flow, and overall quality of life for residents, commuters, and emergency services operating in the Town of Smithtown. Many of the targeted roads are in advanced stages of deterioration, leading to hazardous conditions, frequent complaints, and increasing maintenance costs. Resurfacing these roadways will prevent further degradation, extend pavement life, and reduce the need for costly emergency repairs. The project is a priority because it addresses one of the most fundamental and visible services local government provides—safe, reliable roads. It also ensures that school buses, ambulances, fire trucks, and police vehicles can travel efficiently without delay or risk of damage. With direct benefits to public safety, economic activity, and municipal efficiency, the project is urgently needed and widely supported by the community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



Nick LaLota
Member of Congress