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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, 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 funding for the Bridge Replacement of County Road 80 (CR80), Montauk Highway over the Long Island Rail Road (Hampton Bays Overpass) in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Suffolk – Department of Public Works, located at 335 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, New York 11980.

The funding would be used for the capital construction of a replacement bridge at County Road 80 (CR80), Montauk Highway over the Long Island Rail Road (Bridge Identification Number 3019560; Project Identification Number 076146), in Hampton Bays, New York.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will replace a critically deteriorated, structurally deficient bridge built in 1934 that is among the lowest-rated bridges in Suffolk County. The existing bridge has no structural redundancy and is at risk of catastrophic failure without replacement. The project will construct a new three-sided precast concrete arch structure with a 50-foot span, engineered for a long service life with minimized lifecycle maintenance costs, and will bring pedestrian and cyclist accessibility into conformance with current federal standards. County Road 80, Montauk Highway, is a designated coastal evacuation route for Long Island and a critical arterial roadway serving year-round residents, seasonal visitors, and the broader eastern Long Island region. This project was included in the FY2025 THUD appropriations bill for \$10,000,000 in Community Project Funding (page 36 of the THUD CPF table); however, due to the full-year Continuing Resolution, that funding was never enacted, and the project was not resubmitted in FY2026. This FY2027 request represents an urgent renewal of that effort to address a long-standing public safety risk.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133 (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program).

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