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Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the City of Stamford's Safe Routes to Schools and Access to Public Transit Facilities project in Fiscal Year 2022. This request is for the Local Transportation Priorities account under the Department of Transportation. The entity to receive funding for the project is the City of Stamford, located at 888 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT 06901.


The City of Stamford is seeking \$2 million for construction and rehabilitation of sidewalks in a number of locations within one mile of schools and one-quarter mile of public transit bus stops.

The City of Stamford's goal is to develop sidewalk infrastructure within a one-mile radius of every school and a one-quarter (0.25) mile radius of every bus stop in the community since access to school buses is provided only for those who live within a mile of school facilities. To reach that goal, funding would be used to build sidewalks with appropriate pavement markings, installation of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb ramps, and bus stop pads at every bus stop in Stamford. The project has been supported in multiple previous studies, including the Stamford Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, the Stamford Master Plan, the Stamford Neighborhood Traffic Calming Master Plan, the Stamford Complete Streets Manual, and the South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization 2019-2045 Long Range Transportation Plan.

This project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because improving access to schools and transit facilities will promote pedestrian activity and transit use, expand mobility options, reduce congestion on local roadways, and improve pedestrian safety, particularly for schoolchildren. The project is eligible for funding under Title 23.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


JIM HIMES
Member of Congress