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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Transportation,  
HUD, and Related Agencies  
2207 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Transportation,  
HUD, and Related Agencies  
2039 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Community Project Funding Request for Upper Moreland Township**

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

I am requesting \$7,000,000 in funding for the Willow Grove Interchange Improvement Project in fiscal year 2024 through the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies- Highway Infrastructure Projects.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Upper Moreland Township, located at 117 Park Avenue, Willow Grove, PA, 19090.

The funding will be used to improve the interchange between State Route 611 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Upper Moreland Township has identified the improvements for this project based on several studies conducted for the State Route 611 corridor. The improvements are approximately 2,000 LF (.4 MI) in length and are anticipated to include the following:

- Addition of a second lane on the Turnpike on-ramp from southbound Route 611. The existing cross-section of Route 611 is proposed to remain. It is proposed that the center lane on Route 611 will become a shared through-right lane and additional widening along Route 611 will not be required.
- The existing Turnpike ramp consists of a lane entering and exiting the Turnpike. The lanes consist of 12' travel lanes with 10' shoulders. The project proposes to widen to provide an additional 12' lane entering the Turnpike, while maintaining the 10' shoulder.
- As part of widening for the additional lane the existing structure over the Turnpike Ramp will be replaced. The existing structure (Structure #25B12) is a concrete in place structure with T-beams constructed in 1953, with a structural rating of 73 and is classified

as functionally obsolete. Upper Moreland Township has commenced design of the improvements with a DCED MTF grant received for the design.

This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars as this project is located within Upper Moreland Township; however, it will also provide benefits for the surrounding communities. The project will reduce the substantial traffic congestion along southbound Route 611. Currently, traffic queues extend to Blair Mill Road from the PA Turnpike and into Horsham Township. It is anticipated that this congestion will continue, especially with the potential redevelopment of the Willow Grove Naval Air Station in Horsham.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 U.S.C. 133(b)(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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Madeleine Dean". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue dot above the letter 'i' in "Madeleine".

Madeleine Dean  
Member of Congress