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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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The Honorable Mike Quigley
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation,
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Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Community Project Funding Request for Southeastern Pennsylvania
Transportation Authority**

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

I am requesting \$1,280,000 in funding for the Lansdale 5th Street Grade Crossing Improvements project in fiscal year 2024 through the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies from the Transit Infrastructure Projects account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA), located at 1234 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19107.

The funding will be used by SEPTA to design and construct safety improvements at the railway-highway grade crossing on its Lansdale/Doylestown Regional Rail line. These will comprise of the application of dynamic envelope markings to the pavement approaching the grade crossing and installation of four-quadrant gates to protect all four lanes of traffic, in each direction at the grade crossing.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project will improve public safety in the heart of the borough of Lansdale as well as service safety and reliability for all passengers on SEPTA's Lansdale/Doylestown Rail Line. The project includes dynamic envelope markings and four-quadrant gates. Dynamic envelope markings, which are painted traffic control lines, have been found to reduce the likelihood of vehicles entering and stopping in the zone that might be occupied by a passing train. Four-quadrant gates block all lanes of travel in both directions, preventing the dangerous motorist behavior of using the travel lanes not blocked by the current gates to circumvent a closed crossing, risking collision with a train. This improvement will prevent destruction, injury, and deaths that might otherwise occur at the crossing and the serious disruptions to rail service that arise from these tragedies.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized by chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code.

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 prominent initial "M".

Madeleine Dean
Member of Congress