

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-4305**

March 25, 2026

The Honorable Steve Womack  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing  
and Urban Development, and Related  
Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable James E. Clyburn  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing  
and Urban Development, and Related  
Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Womack and Ranking Member Clyburn,

As you consider the Fiscal Year 2027 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request full funding in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 for the City of Terrell's Sidewalk Connectivity Network project, a critical infrastructure initiative aimed at improving pedestrian safety, accessibility, and mobility across the community. This project will close significant gaps in sidewalk infrastructure serving school zones, expanding residential areas, and a historically disadvantaged neighborhood that currently lacks safe pedestrian access to downtown.

Terrell is experiencing steady growth, yet many areas of the city still lack safe and reliable pedestrian pathways, forcing residents—particularly students and workers—to walk along or cross busy roadways. This project will create a continuous and accessible pedestrian network connecting neighborhoods to schools, employment centers, and essential services. By addressing unsafe routes to school, limited connectivity, and barriers to workforce mobility, this investment will directly enhance public safety and expand economic opportunity for residents.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Lance Gooden  
Member of Congress