Chair Peter DeFazio
Ranking Member Sam Graves
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2167 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Pres. Barack Obama Parkway - Phase 2 (MetroWest Blvd to Raleigh St) in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is City of Orlando, FL and the project is located at Orlando, FL 32811.

The funding is designated for construction of an extension of President Barack Obama Parkway (Phase 2) from Metro West Boulevard to Raleigh Street as a multimodal four-lane corridor with a 12-foot wide, multi-use trail and on street bike lanes.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits:

Connecting a crucial transportation corridor in the area and improving job access in the Orlando metropolitan area. This project will provide a parallel north south road to Kirkman Road. It will also provide alternative transportation options with a multi-use trail and bike lanes. From a regional connectivity perspective, one of the transportation challenges in southwest Orlando is connectivity of streets due to natural features such as lakes or wetlands. Extension of the President Barack Obama Parkway corridor will address that challenge by providing increased connectivity northwest of Interstate 4, relieving traffic congestion on Kirkman Road and improving the overall transportation infrastructure of the area.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Val B. Demings
Member of Congress
April 23, 2021

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding for Contactless Payment System in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority (LYNX) and the project is located at 455 N Garland Ave, Orlando, FL 32801.

The funding is designated for additional capability to the existing farebox system software and hardware to enable smart card, mobile wallet, and credit/debit card acceptance as additional payment options for passengers. These payment methods provide a contactless “no touch” option, which is in high demand as a result of the COVID pandemic.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits:

To improve passenger service, LYNX has invested in an upgraded revenue collection farebox system for the fixed route transit buses that accepts cash and electronic payment fare media. The fareboxes have the capability to accept contactless payments including smart cards, mobile application tickets and credit/debit card payments. It is anticipated that passenger expectations have evolved to expect these contactless options even as the pandemic comes under control. Additionally, these options provide the expanded capability of intermodal connectivity and seamless payment options between transit modes and transportation providers in the region.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for OBT/Clarcona-Ocoee Road Traffic Signal Improvements in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is MetroPlan Orlando and the project is located at US 441 and Clarcona-Ocoee Road in Orlando, FL 32810.

The funding is designated for reconstruction of the traffic signal at the intersection of US 441 (Orange Blossom Trail) and Clarcona-Ocoee Road as double mast arms. Additional intersection improvements include the extension of the east-bound right turn lane on Clarcona-Ocoee Road.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits:

*The traffic signals at this intersection are currently hanging from spanning wires and the mast arms will enable the traffic signals to better withstand high winds and other weather events. This project will help improve safety and traffic flow at the intersection.*

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for OBT Pedestrian Improvements (30th St – Gore St) in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is MetroPlan Orlando and the project is located at US 441, Orlando, FL 32805.

The funding is designated for improved substandard sidewalks, crosswalks and pedestrian signals and bring them up to current Americans with Disability Act (ADA) standards and will improve street lighting.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits:

This corridor serves a Title Six community and many transit-dependent residents.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for *International Drive Pedestrian Bridge* in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is *Orange County, FL* and the project is located at *International Drive and Sand Lake Road (SR 482)* in Orlando, FL 32819.

The funding is designated for *construction of a pedestrian overpass structure which will serve as a pedestrian/bicycle crossing and an aesthetic gateway within the International Drive District. The project will include utility adjustments, stormwater conveyance, pedestrian scale lighting, signage, traffic signalization adjustments, resurfacing and maintenance of traffic.*

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits:

*The overpass is consistent with the International Drive 2040 Strategic Vision, will consider the architectural influence of hardscape elements included with the I-4/Sand Lake Road interchange associated with the I-4 Beyond the Ultimate project and will create a significant directional presence for travelers in the District. The overpass will benefit pedestrians and bicyclists by providing access and safe passage between each of the four corners of the intersection and greatly limits the interactions with motor vehicles.*

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Pine Hills Trail Phase 2 in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Orange County, FL and the project is located at Unincorporated Orange County, FL 32808 and 32810.

The funding is designated for design of a 12-foot-wide regional recreational trail, which will be located along the east side of Pine Hills Road from Silver Star Road (SR 438) to Clarcona-Ocoee Road where it joins Florida’s Coast to Coast Trail.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits:

Design of a 12-foot-wide concrete regional recreational trail that will accommodate multi-modal bicycle and pedestrian uses from Silver Star Road to Clarcona-Ocoee Road. The construction of the LYNX Super Stop includes a trail connector project between Pine Hills Trail Phase 1 and Phase 2 on Belco Drive. This project will include the design of utility adjustments, pedestrian safety accommodations including signage, enhanced crosswalks, drainage adjustments, and maintenance of traffic.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

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