



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

March 25, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Stark Street Bridge Replacement – 30% Design Milestone in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Multnomah County located at 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland OR 97214. The funding will be used to advance the project to the 30 percent design milestone, which will determine bridge type, size, and provide an informed cost estimate. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because investing in the 30 percent design milestone allows Multnomah County to responsibly prepare for full replacement before failure or emergency closure occurs. This is a prudent use of taxpayer dollars because it prioritizes proactive infrastructure planning, strengthens economic reliability in East County, and positions the region to compete successfully for construction funding rather than facing significantly higher emergency replacement costs later.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maxine Dexter'.

Maxine Dexter, MD
Member of Congress