



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 Regional Trail and Columbia River Gorge Bike Hub Connections in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Troutdale located at 219 E Historic Columbia River Highway, Troutdale OR 97060. The funding will complete two missing links at Depot Park in Downtown Troutdale: the Troutdale Gorge Hub, a project that connects six communities in the Gorge to the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area through bicycle infrastructure and amenities, and the remaining ¼ mile of the Ch'ak Ch'ak Trail, a segment of the 40-Mile Loop Regional Trail System that connects public lands throughout the Portland Metro. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds it enables the use of non-vehicular transportation to outdoor recreation that completes a portion of the 40-Mile Loop in the Portland area. Combining bicycle hub facilities, a bike/pedestrian trail facility and the parking support needed for adjacent federal lands access, this is a multiuse investment that averts traffic congestion, supports alternate transportation, and assures access to state and federal lands.

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