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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the I-10 Deck Plaza project in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of El Paso, located at 300 N. Campbell, El Paso, TX 79901. The funding would be used for on-system structural improvements for the I-10 Deck Plaza including retaining walls, support beams, fire safety, and utilities over a 6-block length of Interstate Highway 10 (I-10) in Downtown El Paso, Texas.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would physically reconnect Downtown and Uptown El Paso, de-emphasize the current vehicular-centric environment, and facilitate all modes of travel, especially for pedestrians, cyclists, and public transit users. Transportation challenges impacting the I-10 Downtown corridor include traffic growth, deficient roadway infrastructure, safety concerns, and the lack of multimodal mobility options, which limit the ability of residents to access areas where they live and work.

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 that reads "Veronica Escobar".

Veronica Escobar
Member of Congress