April 27, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Paso del Norte Trail water-front shared-use path along the Franklin Canal from the entrance of the El Paso Zoo to Tobin in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of El Paso at 300 North Campbell, El Paso, TX 79901.

The funding would be used to create a model infrastructure project that prioritizes connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists, provides safe recreation space, and creates a community amenity to drive ecotourism while promoting sustainable development. Additionally, this project will provide multi-modal transportation options for our community, improve pedestrian and cyclist safety in this corridor, and support environmentally-conscious development practices by utilizing drought-tolerant plants and green infrastructure, in addition to creating jobs for trail construction.

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

Sincerely,

Veronica Escobar
Member of Congress