



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

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Shearer Bridge Preservation – Butler, PA-16 in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation located at 2550 Oakland Ave, Indiana, PA 15701. The funding would be used to expand will preserve a critical bridge infrastructure asset for the SPC region on a primary National Highway System route. The project includes the existing structure carrying US 422 over Connoquenessing Creek, Shearer Road, and the B & LE railroad in Butler Township, Butler County. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the bridge is a primary National Highway System route which sees an average daily traffic volume of about 26,000, with about 11% of that being commercial trucks. The current detour length is 2 miles and should a detour occur unexpectedly, there would be significant ramifications to traffic patterns in the area. Also, this is a large four-span structure with a total length of 492 feet. The bridge is currently rated in fair condition, which is why preservation activities are so important. Within a three-mile radius of the project there are \$2,575 firms that employ 21,580 people with an annual economic impact of \$1,824,807,065.

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,

Mike Kelly
Member of Congress