



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0916**

March 16, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Bradenton Traffic Congestion Mitigation in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Bradenton, located at 101 12th St West, Bradenton, Florida, 34205.

The funding would be used to construct alternative roadway routes and implement safety improvements, including a roundabout, mast arm replacement, intersection upgrades, street lighting, sidewalks, and a turn lane, a transportation safety and mobility component of the roadway improvement project. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because moving traffic is essential, especially the freight traffic these roadways accommodate, local and tourist traffic gets tied in the knots of congestion, creating angst, frustration, anger, and dissatisfaction. It is common for travel distances of 1500 ft to take 20-30 minutes during peak hours along the state road system in central Bradenton.

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 blue ink that reads "Vern Buchanan".

Vern Buchanan  
Member of Congress