



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

April 30, 2025

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 \$3 million in funding for the city of Bradenton in Fiscal Year 2026. The city of Bradenton is located at 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, FL 34205. This funding is for the construction of alternative routes to facilitate reduced travel times and pedestrian safety; improvements will include a roundabout, mast arm replacement, intersection improvements, street lighting, sidewalks, a turn lane, and other ancillary activities associated with roadway safety. The improvements will improve quality of life and economic health for all that travel our roads. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because FDOT has initiated several projects within the city that will restrict traffic movements along Manatee Ave (SR64) creating a great congestion knot in the middle of the city. The city realizes not all of traffic congestion is able to be relieved on the state road system and the project was conceived, and partially implemented, to direct some of the traffic to local roads. The development of the program is ongoing as they look to provide alternative routes to state roads and mitigate some of the traffic congestion seen daily within the city of Bradenton.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Subsection 1 of 23 USC 133(b).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Vern Buchanan  
Member of Congress