



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

April 30, 2021

House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Minority Member Granger:

I am requesting \$990,000 in funding for a pedestrian overpass in Sarasota, Florida, in Fiscal Year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Sarasota County located at 1660 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34236.

I am submitting this Community Project Funding request on behalf of Sarasota County. The funding will allow for the design of a pedestrian overpass where the Legacy Trail, a multi-use rail-trail, crosses S. Tuttle Avenue. This project will help greatly enhance the safety of a highly used multi-use trail by separating bicyclists and pedestrians from vehicles where the trail crosses Tuttle Avenue. Given crash data collected by Sarasota County from 2013-2018, it is anticipated that the addition of the overpass along the Legacy Trail will help reduce bicycle and pedestrian crashes and fatalities at this crossing location.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vern Buchanan".

Vern Buchanan
Member of Congress