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The Honorable Tom Cole, Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Bellevue Grand Connection: I-405 Crossing in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Bellevue located at 450 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98004.

This funding would be used by the City of Bellevue to design a pedestrian crossing over I-405 to make it easier to get to and through downtown Bellevue by walking, biking, or rolling. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would create a safe, accessible, comfortable, transformative connector and crossing of I-405 for people walking, biking, and rolling; expand the regional trail network by linking to the future Eastrail; enhance access to Sound Transit, the regional light rail system; and, connect downtown Bellevue and the Wilburton area.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133.

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

Sincerely,



Adam Smith
Member of Congress