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The Honorable Steve Womack
Chair
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing
and Urban Development, and Related
Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing
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Dear Chairman Womack and Ranking Member Quigley,

I am requesting funding for the South Dade Trail Project in Fiscal Year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project Miami Dade County located at 701 NW 1 Court, Miami, Florida 33136.

The funding would be used for South Dade Trail Shared-Use Path Enhancements extends for approximately 22.71-miles, running along the South Miami-Dade Busway between Florida City SW 344 Street (W Palm Drive) to the south and the Dadeland South Metrorail Station to the north. The trail connects communities from South Miami to Homestead. At Dadeland South Metrorail Station Park and Ride facility, the trail will connect to the future Underline and will allow pedestrians and bicyclists to connect to the Miami River in Downtown Miami. It will provide for a shared-use path with sufficient width and intersection improvements to increase safety and promote first and last connections to the new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) stations and renovated bus shelters. The new enhancements will accommodate for lighting, intersection improvements, signage, site furniture and equipment, landscaping, drainage, and certain amenities. The project will travel through five municipalities and connect to 14 BRT stations. The request under this submission is for Segment 3 from SW 312 St (BRT station) to SW 296 St (BRT Station). It is a good use of taxpayer funds because the South Dade Trail is a countywide project that benefits the entire Miami-Dade County and the South Florida region. The project will reimagine the South Dade Busway Corridor into a thriving shared-use trail that reinforces and connects communities to pedestrian, bike and park networks throughout Miami-Dade County. This facility will integrate the safe and functional movement of pedestrians and bicyclists along the corridor and adjacent neighborhoods; increase safety and security; and implement sustainable design strategies. The project will serve to reconcile existing demands for open space and restoration of tree canopy. It will act as a catalyst to transform underutilized County land into a multi-community asset of recreational spaces that showcases identity, fosters community, promotes wellness, and expands connectivity.

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, appearing to read 'Gimenez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Congressman Carlos A. Gimenez
Florida's 28th Congressional District

