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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
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 Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$26,080,000 in funding for I-40 Widening Between the Kickapoo Turnpike and Shawnee Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, located at 200 NE 21<sup>st</sup> St, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. The funding would complete the widening of I-40 from the Kickapoo Turnpike east to the Pottawatomie County line. This will also address poor pavement condition and safety issues along the corridor.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will ease congestion and increase drive time reliability on I-40. This will help connect the Oklahoma City to Shawnee corridor with 6 lanes. I-40 is a freight corridor in Oklahoma and across the United States and this project will ensure the resiliency and efficiency of the corridor.

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,



Stephanie Bice  
Member of Congress