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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
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Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Towson Ave in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Arkansas Department of Transportation, located at 10324 Interstate 30 Little Rock, AR 72209. Highway 71B (Towson Ave) between Highway 64 and Highway 271 in Fort Smith currently has four, eleven-foot travel lanes with left-turn lanes present at some major intersections. While pedestrians are present throughout the corridor, sidewalks are discontinuous and in need of repair in various locations. Access management has not been implemented, resulting in frequent driveways and numerous conflict points for both automobiles and pedestrians. Some signalized intersections lack pedestrian accommodations. Additionally, storm sewers along the corridor are inadequate to convey heavy rainfall, resulting in periodic flash flooding that impacts the highway and surrounding properties. The Department is seeking additional funding to allocate toward the improvement of Highway 71B by enhancing pedestrian accommodations and improving drainage.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Steve Womack
Member of Congress