

CAPITOL OFFICE
506 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE
BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515
PHONE: (202) 225-6235

DISTRICT OFFICE
350 SOUTH BIXEL STREET, SUITE
120
LOS ANGELES, CA 90017
PHONE: (213) 481-1425

gomez.house.gov



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

JIMMY GOMEZ
34TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Subcommittee on Tax
Subcommittee on Oversight
Subcommittee on Worker and Family
Support

ASSISTANT WHIP
118th Congress, Democratic Caucus

CONGRESSIONAL DADS CAUCUS
Founder & Chair

**CONGRESSIONAL RENTERS
CAUCUS**
Founder & Chair

May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the LA River Path (between Riverside Drive and Atlantic Boulevard) project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), located at One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles CA 90012. The funding would be used to bridge the longest continuous gap of 8-miles in the LA River bicycle corridor, extending the river from Elysian Valley to the City of Maywood, through downtown Los Angeles and the City of Vernon. Upon completion, the project will enhance regional connectivity by creating a seamless 32-mile traffic-separated active transportation route for walking, rolling, and cycling, stretching from the San Fernando Valley to the City of Long Beach along the LA River. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the 34th Congressional District encompasses numerous communities categorized as Equity Focus Communities (EFCs), with a significant population residing along the project corridor facing mobility challenges. This corridor is home to higher concentrations of residents with limited mobility due to factors such as lower median household incomes (below \$61,000 per year), a larger presence of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) populations, and households lacking access to personal vehicles. Consequently, the project is poised to yield considerable benefits, including improved mobility and expanded regional access to employment, educational, and recreational opportunities for underserved populations within the project area.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jimmy Gomez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jimmy" and last name "Gomez" clearly legible.

Jimmy Gomez
Member of Congress