April 29, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting $3,100,000 in funding for the City of West St. Paul’s realignment project of Smith Avenue and Dodd Road in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of West St. Paul, 1616 Humboldt Avenue West St. Paul, MN 55118.

This project funding would be used for the realignment of Smith Avenue and Dodd Road. This intersection handles more than 10,000 vehicles per day and is a busy road as well as a neighborhood street. The current alignment is unsafe for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians. This much needed realignment would ensure safety for all utilizing this route through the City of West St. Paul.

This necessary project would be of great benefit to the City of West St. Paul and the surrounding community. In addition to providing safety for commuters and residents, this multi-faceted project would pave the way to also establish a space for public gatherings and would create a memorial for Mendota Heights Police Officer Scott Patrick, who was killed at this intersection in the line of duty. Additionally, this project would result in the creation of 250 full-time and 750 part-time construction jobs through both public and private investment. Upon project completion, the area will be able to support over 100 permanent new jobs.

In accordance with House Rules, I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Angie Craig
Member of Congress