

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,300,000 in funding for the Dakota County Trunk Highway 3 Trail Crossing in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Dakota County, 1590 Highway 55, Hastings, MN 55033.

This funding would be used to construct a grade-separated crossing of Trunk Highway 3 in Dakota County, along the Veterans Memorial Greenway. The Veterans Memorial Greenway will be Minnesota's longest greenway dedicated to veterans, offering a year-round, safe and accessible outdoor space for diverse visitors to enjoy nature, celebrate the state's strong tradition of military service and honor veterans. It will connect Lebanon Hills Regional Park and the Mississippi River Greenway through Eagan and Inver Grove Heights. Lebanon Hills draws more than 935,000 visitors annually. The Mississippi River Greenway attracts 250,000 users. A current pedestrian route between the park and greenway poses at-grade conflicts with nearly 20,000 vehicles daily on Trunk Highway 3. The plan identifies a grade-separated crossing of TH3 / S. Robert Trail as the preferred alignment. Today, there is no pedestrian crossing at this location – the closest is half of a mile from the site.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer money because it promotes safety by reducing conflicts with motorized traffic and allows for more efficient and enjoyable trail experience for users of all abilities and are suggested at the major intersections along the Veterans Memorial Greenway. It also leverages additional state and county funding.

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.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Angie Craig  
Member of Congress