

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0530**

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March 26, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, U.S. Capitol  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Los Angeles (LA) River Phase IV Extension project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Los Angeles located at 200 N Main Street, Suite 1500, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The funding would be used to extend the existing LA River Bikeway along the southern bank of the LA River flood control channel for one mile. Construction will include a paved path, lighting, metal railing, traffic striping and signs.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help to close existing gaps in a 51 mile long continuous multi-use path along the LA River flood control channel. LADOT is working with partner agencies towards creating a continuous, paved bikeway along the entire length of the Los Angeles River, from the headwaters in West San Fernando Valley to the Long Beach Harbor. The Phase IV extension project will extend the existing LA Riverway from its current terminus at Riverside Drive/Zoo Drive to Forest Lawn Drive. Expanding the LA River bike path will promote active transportation and encourage more users to travel to the surrounding neighborhoods, leading to increased foot traffic for local businesses. The bike path is increasingly popular amongst commuters due to the safety benefits of traveling on an off-street facility, and expanding the bike path will assist the community in further increasing riders and reducing automobile traffic. Finally, the new path will create a positive impact on the community by promoting healthy habits and an increase in physical activity.

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,



Laura Friedman  
Member of Congress