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GREGORY W. MEEKS
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC, 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC, 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Jamaica Avenue Safety and Streetscape Improvements Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New York City Department of Transportation located at 55 Water Street, New York, New York 10041.

The funding would be used for streetscape design improvements that will support the unique character of the corridor, which includes cultural institutions, stores, and businesses and will accentuate the street's aesthetic environment where these activities take place. Expanded sidewalks at corners using curb extensions would provide circulation space, seating, and greenery for pedestrian activities and would support Jamaica Avenue's retail uses.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the linear zone along the curb would accommodate enhanced transit rider, retail, and restaurant amenities such as merchandise displays, seating for dining, connected tree beds with planting, benches, wayfinding, bike parking, and upgraded street lighting creating a consistent and comfortable environment for pedestrians will strengthen the corridor's role as a regional commercial destination.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Gregory W. Meeks
Member of Congress