

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Steve Womack
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development, and Related Agencies
House Appropriations Committee
2358-A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable James Clyburn
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and
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Dear Chairman Womack and Ranking Member Clyburn,

As the Subcommittee continues its work on Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 appropriations legislation, I write to express my strong support for funding for the Columbia-Wrightsville/Veterans Memorial Bridge project in Lancaster and York Counties, Pennsylvania. This project represents a critical infrastructure investment that will enhance safety, mobility, and economic activity in the region.

The Wrightsville-Columbia/Veterans Memorial Bridge project consists of a bridge rehabilitation on PA 462 over the Susquehanna River in West Hempfield Township, Columbia Borough, and Wrightsville Borough. The project also includes improvements to the SR 462/2nd Street intersection, the addition of bike and pedestrian connections linking the bridge to nearby parks and trails, and bridge lighting enhancements.

The Columbia-Wrightsville/Veterans Memorial Bridge is a significant investment in Lancaster County and an important regional and statewide project. The project is slated to begin construction in 2027; however, funding construction has placed a strain on both the regional and Statewide Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP). To avoid impacting this project or other critical projects in the region, Lancaster County and PennDOT have pursued federal grant opportunities and committed additional state capital funding, but additional federal support is still needed.

This project has undergone extensive planning and public engagement. It is a PennDOT-administered project that has followed Pennsylvania's planning process from the local level through the Federal Highway Administration, including a public open house and comment period. The project is currently in final design, with NEPA approval completed in April 2021.

Significant funding has already been committed to this effort. The project is programmed on the Lancaster TIP with \$87.7 million in federal formula funds (BRIP and STP) and \$147.7 million in state capital funds for construction. PennDOT has already expended \$12.4 million in state

capital funding for pre-construction activities. In addition, the project has been submitted under the FY26 Large Bridge Improvement Program grant opportunity, though awards have not yet been announced. State funding commitments exceed the required 20 percent match.

Despite these investments, a funding gap remains. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because, additional federal support will ensure that this critical infrastructure project moves forward without displacing other regional priorities.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133.

For these reasons, I respectfully request \$40 million in federal funding for the Wrightsville-Columbia/Veterans Memorial Bridge project. This investment will support a project that has strong local, state, and federal backing and will deliver long-term benefits to the region's transportation network and economy.

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 and for your continued support of critical infrastructure investments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lloyd Smucker", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Lloyd Smucker
Member of Congress