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Technology

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Lewes-Georgetown Highway (US 9) Pedestrian Bridge Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Delaware Department of Transportation, located at 800 S Bay Rd, Dover, DE 19901.

This \$1.4 million request funds planning and preliminary engineering for a pedestrian bridge over the Lewes-Georgetown Highway (US 9), a key phase of the Georgetown and Lewes Trail. Supported by DelDOT, the bridge will provide a safe, grade-separated crossing for pedestrians and cyclists, addressing a major safety hazard on one of the region's busiest roads. By serving over 1,500 daily users—peaking above 12,000—it will enhance public safety, promote active transportation, and strengthen regional connectivity and economic development in eastern Sussex County.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a documented safety hazard while delivering long-term transportation, health, and economic benefits to a fast-growing region. By reducing crash risk, supporting non-motorized access to parks, housing, and commercial areas, and accommodating future growth, the bridge will expand access and lower long-term public costs. DelDOT has committed to completing the project, and existing benefit-cost analysis suggests a return well above 1.0—underscoring the efficiency and fiscal prudence of this investment.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 USC 133: Surface transportation block grant program.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. McBride'.

Sarah McBride
Member of Congress