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Technology

May 2, 2025

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 Wilmington Riverwalk Extension Shared-Use Path Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Delaware Department of Transportation, located at 800 S Bay Road, Dover, DE 19901.

This funding will support preliminary design, environmental review, and right-of-way planning for the Wilmington Riverwalk Extension Shared-Use Path, a 3.6-mile, 12-foot-wide multimodal path connecting Wilmington's Riverfront to the East Side neighborhood and beyond. The project will create a safe, separated route for pedestrians and cyclists, address vulnerable user safety, and connect residents to jobs, recreation, and services. The project will also raise the shoreline by six feet to enhance flood resilience and support broader efforts to revitalize the East Side with accessible infrastructure that improves public health, economic opportunity, and community connectivity. This is phase one of a capital project identified as a high priority by the DelDOT.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports a 3.6-mile, 12-foot-wide shared-use path extending Wilmington's Riverwalk to the East Side, delivering a safe, separated corridor for pedestrians and cyclists. Located in an Area of Persistent Poverty, the project includes shoreline elevation to reduce flood risk and safeguard infrastructure. It improves access to jobs, services, and transit options while enhancing safety and resilience in a historically underserved area. As phase one of a DelDOT-designated priority, this investment lays the foundation for long-term economic mobility, efficient land use, and stronger infrastructure.

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

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