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The Honorable Steve Womack Chairman Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Mike Quigley
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing,
and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Womack and Ranking Member Quigley:

I write to request community project funding for the Town Center Community Improvement District for the Big Shanty Road widening project.

The funding would be utilized to complete the final 0.4-mile portion of the Big Shanty Connector between Chastain Meadows and Bells Ferry Road in order to reduce traffic congestion, enhance connectivity, and ensure safety. The project would include construction of a roundabout for safer traffic flow to adjacent neighborhoods, reduction of vehicles on arterial roads and in residential neighborhoods, access for freight and logistics facilities, and enhanced access to the I-75 Managed Lanes.

The requested funding amount is \$2,500,000 and would benefit more than 30,000 employees, 43,000 students at Kennesaw State University, and thousands of residents who live in and throughout Northwest Georgia. Town Center is the second largest economic job center in Cobb County. Over the past 15 years, the district has experienced job growth at a rate 30% higher than the County growth rate. This number is anticipated to grow another 40% by 2040.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Sincerely,

Barry Loudermilk Member of Congress