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Representative Tom Cole  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515


Representative Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting \$3,525,000 in funding for the Avenue E/D Extension Project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Yuma County, located at 198 S. Main Street, Yuma, Arizona 85364. The location of the project is Avenue E San Luis AZ to Avenue D San Luis, AZ. The funding would be used to construct a crucial north-south roadway between the City of San Luis and the City of Somerton. By establishing this new corridor, commercial and passenger vehicles will enjoy a more direct route from the border to US95, alleviating traffic from main streets within the communities. The project entails the construction of a new roadway segment between the intersections of County 23rd St (195)/ Avenue E and County 18th Street/Avenue D, and the reconstruction of a two-mile stretch of Avenue D between County 18th Street and County 16th St (US95/Avenue D). The new roadway will have 150' right of way, 2 lanes, 5' paved shoulders, a ten-foot multi-use path and turn lanes at the intersections. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve roadway safety, quality of life, mobility, and community connectivity as well as enhance the region's economic competitiveness and opportunity for commerce and trade. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 U.S.C. 133 (b) (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program).

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

Sincerely,



Raúl M. Grijalva  
Member of Congress