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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations H-307, the Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Jeff Fuqua Boulevard (Loop Road) A Terminal Entrance Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, located at One Jeff Fuqua Boulevard, Orlando, Florida, 32827.

The funding would be used to deliver critical improvements to the intersection of Jeff Fuqua Boulevard and South Park Place/Station Loop Road. The project will simplify traffic movements, reduce congestion, decrease pollution from idling vehicles at red lights and improve overall traffic. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Jeff Fuqua Boulevard (Loop Road) A Terminal Entrance Improvement Project is part of the larger Near Terminal Roadway and Signage Impovrments Program.

The Orlando International Airport (MCO) has experienced tremendous growth in vehicular traffic over the past decade. The increase in passenger traffic currently results in delays that cause unsafe conditions and affect airport operations. One major choke point is the intersection of Jeff Fuqua Boulevard and South Park Place/Station Loop Road. This signalized intersection accommodates 12 distinct traffic movements and is the main artery for A, B, and C Terminals and employees to access the South Park Place Economy Parking Lot (4,600 spaces), the South Employee Parking Lot (1,400 spaces), the South Travel Plaza & Gas Station, the South Cell Lot and the Train Station/Terminal C Passenger Drop Off Lobby.. Traffic models show that this intersection will experience a Level of Service (LOS) F (failing) within the next few years if not improved. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b).

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

Sincerely,

Daniel Webster Member of Congress