

**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Rep. Sharice L. Davids**  
**Kansas Third District**

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, 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 Overland Park Merriam Drive Modernization, Antioch to County Line in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Overland Park, located at 8500 Santa Fe Drive, Overland Park, KS 66212. The funding would be used for implementation of a multi-jurisdictional plan designed to improve transportation connectivity, safety, and land use along a four-mile stretch of Merriam Drive (in Johnson County) and Merriam Lane (in Wyandotte County). The corridor connects four municipalities in the Kansas City metropolitan area: Merriam, Overland Park, Mission, and the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas. This project specifically focuses on the area within Overland Park, KS. The project aims to transform the currently industrial corridor into a connected, safe, and vibrant multi-modal environment. It will take existing segments of the roadway from four lanes to three or two lanes to make room for buffered bicycle lanes and sidewalks. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will construct sidewalks and buffered bike lanes to increase pedestrian and cyclist connectivity by filling significant gaps. By designing a corridor that safely accommodates pedestrians, bicyclists, and future transit routes, the plan supports augmented automobile travel, leading to lower greenhouse gas emissions.

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

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

Sincerely,



Sharice L. Davids  
Member of Congress