

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2404

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman, Committee on
Appropriations
The U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, Committee on
Appropriations
The U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

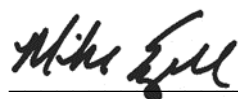
I am requesting funding for Popp's Ferry Road Extension from Hwy 90 to Pass Road in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Biloxi, located at Office of the Mayor, P.O. Box 429, Biloxi, MS 39530. The funding would be used for Popp's Ferry Road Extension from Hwy 90 to Pass Road has been strategically identified as a vital component in the long-range advancements of the Gulf Regional Planning Commission (GRPC) and Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT). The roadways surrounding the planned Popp's Ferry Road connector have surpassed their intended capacity, with congestion resulting in millions of dollars spent due to increased travel times, vehicle operation costs, and greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, this extension will create a second evacuation route for the citizens of Biloxi with this road connecting Hwy 90 with Interstate 10.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the improvements this project will bring to Biloxi will have a resounding effect, such as establishing this new North-South connector between Hwy 90 to Pass Road which continues North to Interstate 10. This corridor will connect an Area of Persistent Poverty located South of the CSX Railroad to areas of employment opportunities, medical services, interstate commerce, entertainment at the Gulf Coast Coliseum, and more.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 23 U.S.C. 133(b).

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

Sincerely,



Mike Ezell
Member of Congress