

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
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

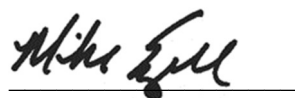
I am requesting funding for Edwards Street reconstruction in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Hattiesburg, located at 200 Forrest Street, Hattiesburg, MS 39401. The funding would be used for the reconstruction of Edwards Street between Tuscan Avenue and James Street including landscape medians, drainage improvements, replacing the curb and gutter, 8' sidewalk on the west side, 5' sidewalk on the east side, replacing driveways, keeping the existing pavement (except where necessary for removal for medians, drainage, etc.), asphalt, striping, signs, and lighting.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because many of the medical and university students are non-traditional or international and do not have access to a personal vehicle. Completion of this project would include new sidewalks and lighting for citizens and students who do not have access to personal vehicles to travel safely and connect William Carey University to Downtown Hattiesburg.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 23 USC 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