

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-1312

1211 LONGWORTH BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515
(202) 225-5661

302 WEST STATE STREET
O'FALLON, IL 62269
(618) 622-0766

300 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 4
CARBONDALE, IL 62901
(618) 457-5787

MIKE BOST
12TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
RANKING MEMBER

TRANSPORTATION &
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3,200,000 for Bluff Road Flood Relief in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Monroe County Highway Department, located at 901 Illinois Ave, Suite B, Waterloo, IL 62298.

The Bluff Road Flood Relief project aims to provide a safe and reliable transportation facility that is consistent with federal, state, and local policies, while providing flood management and system linkage. The Bluff Road Flood Relief Project entails raising a segment, approximately 1.5 miles, of Bluff Road between Hanover Road and HH Road, approximately 9 feet on a new alignment adjacent to its existing north-south alignment. Construction will consist of placing 8 feet of furnished material on a stabilized subgrade, followed by approximately 10 inches of aggregate base, and 8 inches of hot-mix asphalt. Pavement structure will be adjusted as the plans are developed to accommodate the traffic loading of the segment.

This project is a good use of taxpayer funds. This project addresses four challenges to the region by eliminating the frequent closures of Bluff Road. First, it mitigates unsafe travel conditions due to a detour with several signalized intersections. Secondly, it prevents the travel delays caused by the detour. Thirdly, it addresses the connectivity of the Village of Valmeyer and the Rock City Business Complex with the interstate system. Finally, lessens the restriction to the flow of goods, services and the traveling public in this area.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Mike Bost
Member of Congress