

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-2307**

March 24, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Otter Tail County Highway 128 Reconstruction Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Otter Tail County, MN, located at 520 West Fir Avenue. Fergus Falls, MN 56537.

The funding would be used to widen the roadway to include six-foot paved shoulders, improving safety and accommodating significant bicycle and pedestrian use along the corridor while minimizing environmental impacts. Structural capacity will be enhanced to support 10-ton axle weights, improving durability and freight movement. Road grade adjustments will address seasonal high-water impacts, increasing reliability and reducing maintenance issues. Design improvements include a more forgiving clear zone, along with updated signing and striping throughout the corridor.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a critical roadway that serves the region's tourism and agriculture industries and supports commerce and freight movement. The project will reconstruct and widen the roadway to improve safety, capacity, and durability, ensuring the corridor can safely support year-round use and significant seasonal traffic increases.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding is provided for purposes authorized under title 23, United States Code, as highway construction.

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

Sincerely,



Michelle Fischbach  
Member of Congress