

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

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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 the Houston Metro Transit Police Vehicle Replacement in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Houston Metro Transit located at 1900 Main St., Houston, Tx 77002. The funding would be used for the replacement of 20 marked patrol vehicles that are at the end of their life-cycle. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because METRO Police provide vital traffic management functions for traffic incidents involving its many rail and bus routes and over 100 miles of High Occupancy Vehicle lanes. MPD provides support to other laws enforcement agencies and to other local governments through its participation at Houston TranStar as a founding member, including planning and response during major events and disasters. The size of the METRO service area requires reliable emergency vehicles to effectively fulfill its role as a primary or supporting law enforcement responder.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)).

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

Sincerely,



Wesley P. Hunt
Member of Congress