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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
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 Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Metro and midtown redevelopment in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO), located at 1900 Main St. Houston, TX 77002. The funding would be used for Extension of the METRORail Green/Purple Line from Downtown Houston to the Houston Municipal Courthouse and .

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because many passengers will benefit from this project and the extension will provide direct connections to numerous civic destinations and the historic Old Sixth Ward. This project would provide a reliable, one-seat ride to the Courthouse for light rail riders in the greater Houston region. It will enhance system connectivity and improve accessibility to a major employment site and frequent destination for Green and Purple light rail line riders. And construction of affordable housing on land owned by Midtown Redevelopment Authority will have a dramatic effect on the revitalization and stabilization of neighborhoods in the study area, particularly those on the north end of the study area. New, standard housing stock will be added to these neighborhoods, resulting in an increase in population.

And To address the infrastructure needs of this affordable housing project development including sanitary water, sewer, drainage, and shared drives for emergency response vehicles, MRA is requesting \$1,789,280 in FY24 Community Project Funds. The grant request will be matched by MRA local funds in the amount of \$447,320. The grant will allow for the single family homes to be sold to future occupants at a lower cost, contributing to the mission of MRA's Affordable Housing Program to provide high-quality, affordable housing for residents of the area.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133; 23 USC 201; 23 USC 202; and/or 23 USC 165.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sheila Jackson Lee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Sheila Jackson Lee
Member of Congress