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

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Compass Rail/West-East Rail Station Access Improvements project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, located at 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116.

This project will support the planning, design, and implementation of access, wayfinding, and information enhancements at Western Massachusetts rail stations to support a rider base that has doubled since 2018. This investment represents an appropriate use of taxpayer funds, maximizing the value of existing rail assets while advancing regional economic growth. By making public transit more intuitive, accessible, and reliable, the project will strengthen connectivity and encourage increased ridership.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 22907 of title 49 of the United States code.

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 that reads "Richard E. Neal".

Richard E. Neal  
Member of Congress