

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

May 23, 2025

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
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for **Metra's O'Hare Express Infrastructure Study**, in the fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Commuter Rail Division of the RTA d/b/a Metra, located at 547 W Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60661.

The funding would be used to facilitate a study of infrastructure improvements along the Milwaukee District North and North Central Service Metra lines. With the goal of creating accessible transportation service from O'Hare Airport to downtown Chicago via O'Hare Express trains.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it expands access to safe and stable transit, promotes neighborhood revitalization, and contributes to local economic development by broadening the tax base.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by **chapter 53 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,



Delia C. Ramirez
Member of Congress