

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4403

Project Name: Navajo Mountain Road

Recipient: Navajo Nation

Address: 16 Old Colemine Road, Mentmore, NM 87319

Amount Requested: \$4,000,000

Project Explanation: This road will reduce travel time between communities, greatly enable access to essential services, and allow emergency responders to more rapidly access the homes and residents in this area. The residents of Navajo Mountain and Oljato will have better access to economic opportunities, including jobs, resources, and continued educational opportunities for all ages. Furthermore, the road would create direct routes for school buses between the communities, reducing the time children spend on the bus and keeping the route entirely in Utah, as opposed to the current route that forces buses to drive into Arizona, creating complex liability issues.

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May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

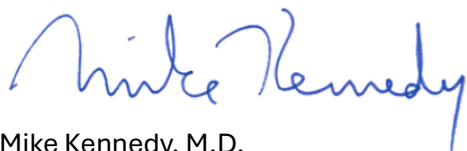
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Navajo Mountain Road in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Navajo Nation, located at 16 Old Colemine Road, Mentmore, New Mexico 87319. The funding would be used to conduct an environmental impact study on the construction of the Navajo Mountain Road linking the communities of Navajo Mountain and Oljato located in San Juan County in Utah's 3rd Congressional District. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this road will reduce travel time between these communities, greatly enable access to essential services, and allow emergency responders to more rapidly access the homes and residents in this area. The residents of Navajo Mountain and Oljato will have better access to economic opportunities, including jobs, resources, and continued educational opportunities for all ages. Furthermore, the road would create direct routes for school buses between the communities, reducing the time children spend on the bus and keeping the route entirely in Utah, as opposed to the current route that forces buses to drive into Arizona, creating complex liability issues.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 3 USC 202, the Tribal Transportation Program.

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 "Mike Kennedy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" and last name "Kennedy" clearly distinguishable.

Mike Kennedy, M.D.
Member of Congress