

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

Project Name: Utah County Murdock Canal Trail Bridge Crossing

Recipient: Utah County

Address: 100 E. Center St, Suite 320 HCH, Provo, UT 84601

Amount Requested: \$3,500,000

Project Explanation: The funding would be used to construct a grade-separated overpass crossing (or bridge) at 1600 North 400 East in Orem to ensure safety for hundreds of thousands of Murdock Canal Trail users each year. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the trail crossing at 1600 North and 400 East poses significant safety risks as the trail diagonally intersects the intersection, giving recreationists the false sense of being able to cross the intersection at a diagonal instead of using the crosswalks. Video surveillance shows many users crossing illegally, and more importantly, unsafely. Building a bridge will virtually eliminate the risk of potential accidents between vehicles and trail users at this crossing. The bridge will also promote increased regional trail use.

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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

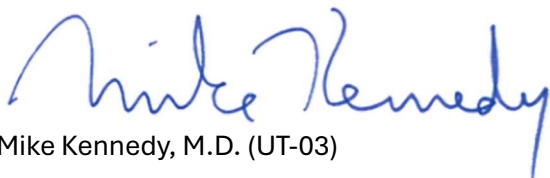
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Utah County Murdock Canal Trail Bridge Crossing in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Utah County, located at 100 E. Center St, Suite 320 HCH, Provo, UT 84601. The funding would be used to construct a grade-separated overpass crossing (or bridge) at 1600 North 400 East in Orem to ensure safety for hundreds of thousands of Murdock Canal Trail users each year. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the trail crossing at 1600 North and 400 East poses significant safety risks as the trail diagonally intersects the intersection, giving recreationists the false sense of being able to cross the intersection at a diagonal instead of using the crosswalks. Video surveillance shows many users crossing illegally, and more importantly, unsafely. Building a bridge will virtually eliminate the risk of potential accidents between vehicles and trail users at this crossing. The bridge will also promote increased regional trail use.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,



Mike Kennedy, M.D. (UT-03)

Member of Congress