



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

March 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Underground Fuel Tanks project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation located at 10320 West Watertown Plank Rd, Wauwatosa, WI 53226.

The funding would be used for the excavation and replacement of underground fuel storage tanks at two sites that are over 40 years old, including six 15,000-gallon diesel USTs, three 1,000-gallon oil USTs, a 2,000-gallon waste oil tank, and a 550-gallon transmission fluid UST. Associated piping, new monitoring sensors, seven new pumps/dispensers, the leak detection system, software and surrounding concrete will also be replaced/upgraded.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because its successful completion will ensure that the transit system and the public services it provides remain dependable, safe, and capable of meeting regional mobility needs. Hundreds of transit buses are refueled daily at these locations which pump approximately 8,000 gallons (roughly 250,000 gallons per month) and are crucial to the ability of Milwaukee County Transit to operate 246 buses across 46 bus routes regionwide.

These two fueling locations act as back-ups for each other, but both sites are currently at risk due to their age beyond useful life and outdated, 1980s technology. Operationally, the impact of losing any tank would be severe. Other county-owned fuel tanks are not located and designed to accommodate the high demand needed to support daily peak transit system bus operations. Should both sites fail, there are no viable options other than traveling to distant locations, which would be highly inefficient.

The project has a federal nexus because funding is authorized for public transportation capital projects under 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gwen Moore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Gwen Moore
Member of Congress