

Account: Federal Transit Administration, Bus and Bus Facilities

Legal name and address of requesting entity: City of St. Petersburg, 175 Fifth Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Description of request: \$500,000 is included in the bill for the City of St. Petersburg for the continued development of a Bus Rapid Transit corridor along Central Avenue. The funding will be used for station development, streetscaping, signalization, surface street improvements, and pedestrian connectors. \$475,000 was provided for this project in FY 2009. The city will provide \$100,000.

Clearwater Downtown Intermodal Terminal:

Account: Federal Transit Administration, Bus and Bus Facilities

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, 3201 Scherer Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33716

Description of request: \$1,250,000 is included in the bill for the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority for the construction of an Intermodal Terminal in downtown Clearwater to provide better transit connectivity for the residents of Clearwater and Pinellas County. This project is consistent with local Metropolitan Planning Organization and Florida Department of Transportation priorities for public transit amenity improvements and will provide additional benefits for future Bus Rapid Transit development by providing an accessible stop in Clearwater for various modes including pedestrian, bicycling, taxis, private charter and PSTA buses, vanpools, and carpools. This project will be undertaken by PSTA in collaboration with the City of Clearwater and Pinellas County and when construction begins, this project could provide employment for over 300 local residents. This is the first federal funding requested for this project.

St. Petersburg City Trails Project:

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program

Legal name and address of requesting entity: City of St. Petersburg, 175 Fifth Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Description of request: \$500,000 is included in the bill for the City of St. Petersburg for the City Trails program to enhance the safety of its bicycle and pedestrian trails. These improvements include the installation of the Enhancer, a rapid-flashing beacon at marked crosswalks, and countdown pedestrian signals and enhanced marking and traffic signs for mid-block crosswalks. This funding will allow the City to install these devices at eight new locations and construct two additional miles of sidewalk and/or 10 miles of new bike lanes.

St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport Terminal Improvements:

Account: Federal Aviation Administration, Grants-in-Aid for Airports

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 33756

Description of request: \$1,000,000 is included in the bill for the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners for runway, taxiway, and lighting rehabilitation at St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport. Improvements will address structural problems and requirements needed to increase safety, to meet energy efficiency standards, and to accommodate airline growth. \$831,250 was provided for airport improvements in FY 2009. Pinellas County will contribute \$750,000.

Veterans Commons:

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiative

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Central City Community Development Corporation, 2826 North Central Avenue, Tampa, FL 33602

Description of request: \$500,000 is included in the bill for the Central City Community Development Corporation for the renovation and construction of a complex to provide housing services for the underemployed and mentoring programs for at-risk youth. Veterans Commons is a planned community revitalization project to provide more than 350 affordable rental housing units, establish 25 new micro-entrepreneurial and retail outlets, and support community partnerships dedicated to the mentoring of at-risk youth and the underemployed. The project coordinates the activities and resources of many community-wide organizations and institutions under one redevelopment plan for Tampa Heights, potentially creating 400 jobs. No previous federal funds were requested for this project.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
KRISTINE V. NAKUTIS

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 22, 2009*

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Colonel Kristine V. Nakutis, who is retiring this month after more than 20 years of service to the United States Army. A portion of that time was spent as Commander of the Milan Army Ammunition Plant, which I am honored to represent in this chamber.

Lieutenant Colonel Kristine V. Nakutis assumed command of Milan Army Ammunition Plant on July 12, 2004. A native of Meriden, Connecticut, Lieutenant Colonel Nakutis received her commission as an Army Ordnance officer in May 1989 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York. Upon graduating with honors, she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and departed for the Ordnance Officer Basic Course in Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

Lieutenant Colonel Nakutis' first assignment was at 24th Ordnance Company, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia, where she served as a Magazine Platoon Leader for two years. This assignment allowed her the opportunity to support National Training Center rotations for 24th Infantry Division, Operation Just Cause in support of 1/75th Ranger Regiment, and the deployment of 24th Infantry Division to Saudi Arabia.

In support of Operation Desert Shield, Lieutenant Colonel Nakutis deployed her platoon to Saudi Arabia and established the largest Corps Storage Area (CSA) of ammunition in direct support of 18th Airborne Corps. During her deployment, she assumed command of 24th Ordnance Company for a period of 35 days, while they prepared to transition to Operation Desert Storm and the forward movement of troops and supplies.

Upon returning from Desert Storm, she assumed the position of Assistant Protocol Offi-

cer for 24th Infantry Division. She received reassignment to the Republic of Korea, where she worked as the 6th Ordnance Battalion's S2/3 Officer and Company Commander of 538th Ordnance Company. Her other assignments include Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course at Fort Lee, Virginia; Corps Ammunition Manager, 4th CMMC, Fort Hood, Texas; and Corps Ammunition Planner, 13th COSCOM, Fort Hood, Texas.

Lieutenant Colonel Nakutis attended the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where she earned a Master of Arts degree in Philosophy with a follow-on three year assignment as an Assistant Professor at the United States Military Academy in the Department of English. Upon departing USMA, she became the Support Operations Officer for 6th Ordnance Battalion, Republic of Korea, in July 2002. In this position, she was responsible for the U.S. ammunition stocks valued at more than \$6 billion.

She served a 90-day tour in Baghdad, Iraq, as a mentor to Iraqi Ammunition Officers to help them establish strategic ammunition management systems.

Lieutenant Colonel Nakutis' awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (with two Oak Leaf clusters); Joint Service Commendation Medal; Army Superior Unit Award; Army Commendation Medal (with two Oak Leaf clusters); Army Achievement Medal (with two Oak Leaf clusters); Kuwaiti Liberation Medal; Southwest Asia Service Medal; Presidential Unit Citation (with one Oak Leaf cluster); Iraqi Freedom Medal.

Madam Speaker, I have had the pleasure of working closely with Lieutenant Colonel Nakutis in her position as Commander of the Milan Army Ammunition Plant, a facility that is important to our nation's defense. I hope you and our colleagues will join us to congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Nakutis on her retirement, thank her for her service and wish her all the best.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 22, 2009*

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, FY2010 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman McMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Surface and Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington State Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 310 Maple Park Drive, SE, Olympia, WA 98504

Description of Request: Provide an addition of \$400,000 for advancing project design, purchasing critical right of ways, and supplement project construction in the corridor from Interstate 90 to U.S. 395 at Wandermere in Spokane, WA. When completed, this 60 mile per hour freeway facility will connect Interstate 90 on the south with U.S. 2 and U.S. 395 in the