

**Project Name:**

Sanders County Noxon Bridge Replacement Phase II

**Recipient:**

Sanders County

**Address:**

1111 Main Street, PO Box 519, Thompson Falls, MT 59873

**Amount Required:**

\$20,500,000

**Project Description:**

This funding would replace a failing 104-year-old bridge that is on an important emergency service, school bus, and commodity transportation route. The century-old structure is now facing serious structural concerns, leading to intermittent emergency closures. This is the only bridge which links Highway 200 to the town of Noxon, an isolated town susceptible to wildfires and extreme weather events. It has developed cracks in its foundation and holes in the roadbed the size of manhole covers have opened. State and County inspectors have deemed the bridge in dire need of replacement rather than rehabilitation. Intermittent closures have already caused disruptions to daily life including delayed food deliveries and emergency services to the isolated town. Fully loaded school buses are unable to traverse the bridge; students must unload and walk across the bridge with the empty bus following after the children are safely on the other side. The Congress funded phase 1 of Noxon Bridge construction in FY25. This funding proposal covers phase II of construction which will allow the County to finish the bridge and finally restore safe and reliable transportation for the good people of Noxon.

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-2601**

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Sanders County Noxon Bridge Replacement Phase II**

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Sanders County Noxon Bridge Replacement Phase II in Fiscal Year 2027

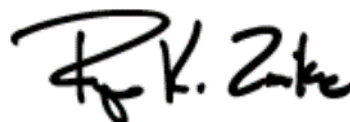
The entity to receive funding for this project is Sanders County located at 1111 Main Street, PO Box 519, Thompson Falls, MT 59873.

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The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 133(b) of title 23, United States Code.

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

Sincerely,



Ryan Zinke  
Member of Congress