April 12, 2021

The Honorable Salud Carbajal
U.S. House of Representatives
2331 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Surface Transportation Reauthorization Legislation Member Designated Project Funding

Dear Representative Carbajal:

The County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors requests Member Designated Project Funding in the upcoming Surface Transportation Reauthorization legislation. The County has identified the following priority requests for Member Designated Project Funding, which are included in the Transportation Improvement Plan and are ready to implement within the five-year window of the proposed reauthorization bill:

- Modoc Multiuse Path
- Paving Farm to Market Corridors
- Hollister Avenue Corridor Improvements

The Modoc Multiuse Path project will connect existing multiuse paths with projects in design and under construction by the City of Santa Barbara, City of Goleta, and Caltrans and ties together a comprehensive regional bicycle network on Santa Barbara County’s south coast. The Paving Farm to Market Corridors project would rehabilitate collector roadways in farming areas in the Santa Maria, Santa Ynez, and Lompoc valleys and improve safety by creating larger shoulder recovery areas where possible. The Hollister Avenue Corridor Improvement project widen Hollister Avenue to improve traffic circulation and create a multimodal, complete street corridor transform this corridor into a walkable, bikeable business district with connections to the broader community.
We appreciate your leadership on transportation issues as a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Thank you for your consideration of these requests, which would provide numerous benefits to the Santa Barbara County region and aid the economic recovery. Supporting material, including documentation of the benefits and justifications for these projects, is being provided to you separately in the requested format.

On April 12, 2021, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors approved submitting this letter of request for funding. If you have questions about the Board’s position, please contact the County’s Legislative Coordinator, Jasmine McGinty at 805-568-3108 or jmcginty@countyofsb.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bob Nelson, Chair
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

cc: Members, County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors
    Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
    Jasmine McGinty, Legislative Coordinator, County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors

Attachments: Application for Modoc Multiuse Path
              Application for Paving Farm to Market Corridors
              Application for Hollister Avenue Corridor Improvements
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION BILL PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Office of Rep. Salud Carbajal
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If you have policy priorities, please send to us by COB, April 9th.

1. Requesting Entity and contact information
   Entity: Santa Barbara County
   Contact: Chris Sneddon
   csneddo@cosbpw.net
   805-568-3064
   123 E. Anapamu Street
   Santa Barbara, CA 93101

2. Other Members of Congress that you are requesting support from.
   n/a

3. If the project is a highway project, identify the State, county, city or other qualified recipient responsible for carrying out the project.
   Santa Barbara County

4. If a transit project, please identify the project sponsor (must be eligible recipient of Federal transit funds).
   n/a

5. Please categorize the project (Check one)
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   Transit rail new start_____   Intermodal facility (freight)_____
   Bus, bus equipment, or bus facility____   Bicycle and Pedestrian_____  
   Other _____

6. Is the project eligible for the use of Federal-aid highway or transit funds under Title 23 or Title 49 of the United States Code? (If you don’t know, say so) Additionally, is the project on the STIP or TIP?
   Eligible under Title 23: Yes.
   In the TIP/FTIP: Yes.

7. If the project is a highway or bridge project, is it on the National Highway System?
   No
8. Briefly describe the total project:
Northern Santa Barbara County provides over $1.6B in produce grown locally and shipped around the world each year. A safe, well-maintained transportation network is critical to farmers’ ability to transport and deliver high-quality produce. This project would rehabilitate collector roadways in farming areas in the Santa Maria, Santa Ynez, and Lompoc valleys and improve safety by creating larger shoulder recovery areas, which would also accommodate bicyclists, where possible.

a. Is it part of a larger system of projects and, if so, describe the larger system?
Yes. The County maintains 1,650 lane miles of roads. In the north county produce is grown to be shipped locally, across the state, and around the world. The County spends approximately $3-5M of local funding annually to ensure access on routes needed to deliver these high-quality crops to market. However, there is a $145M backlog of need on County Roads. This project would be part of a larger annual project using local, regional, state and federal funding to ensure these crops have safe, reliable access for distribution.

b. What is the total estimated cost of the project? $4.7M

9. Please identify the specific segment for which project funding is being sought, including terminus points.

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10. What dollar amount of federal funds are you requesting for this project or segment of a project? Please provide an explanation of the sources of funding for this project? Additionally, list the sources of funding for the full share of the cost of the project if amount received is less than amount requested
- $3.78M federal funds.
- $0.95M local matching funds will be provided by a combination of local funds that include Measure A sale tax, development fees, Community Service Area funds, and State Gas Tax.
- If the project does not receive full federal funding, it can be scaled to the amount of funds available or the local funding match can be increased.

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11. What is the proposed schedule and status of work on the project? What is the current stage of development of the project? (planning, final design, construction). Will the requested funding for the project be obligated within the next six years?

**Status**
- Preliminary Plans: complete
- Environmental: CEQA complete (exempt). NEPA not yet complete

**Schedule**
- Environmental: Complete December 2021
- Final Design: January 2022-July 2022
- Construction: September 2022-October 2022

Yes, requested funding will be obligated within the next six years.

12. Project Plan
   a. Is the project part of the State’s long-range plan? (include documentation or reference)
   b. Is the project included in the metropolitan and/or State Transportation Improvement Program? (include documentation or reference)

Yes, the project is in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program

Project ID#: COUNTY32

13. Please provide a letter of support from State, regional and/or local agency officials.

   Please see attached

14. Does the project have national or regional significance? Describe.

Yes. Farms in the 23rd District produce some of the most high-value, high-quality crops in the nation. Produce grown in northern Santa Barbara County accounts for billions of dollars of sales and provides jobs and promotes vitality to the region. A transportation network that allows these delicate crops to reach their destination as quickly, seamlessly, and smoothly as possible is critical. These roads are part of that network, and are in dire need of rehabilitation.

15. A description of the process that has been or will be followed to provide an opportunity for public comment on the project.

The County holds multiple hearings on transportation projects and needs. There are two annual public meetings to collect feedback from the community on roadway needs. In addition, the Board has hearings to discuss funding for roads through workshops in April and the Budget hearings in June. Additionally, County Public Works presents a Road Maintenance Annual Plan, Program of Projects, and Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account list through a public process. Consistently through all these processes concerns are voiced about the state of the roadway network, and the need to have a well-maintained farm to market road network.
16. Describe the economic, environmental, congestion mitigation and safety benefits associated with the completion of the project. Describe the public benefit.

The public benefit is derived from supporting a multibillion dollar industry in Santa Barbara County. Farming provides jobs of all types to residents, including underrepresented groups, in the region. And it is part of America’s world class food production sector. Providing well-maintained roads improves the environment by reducing waste resulting from spoiled crops, efficiency in delivery of products, and a reduction of vehicle damage and maintenance requirements.

17. Has the project already received funding through the State’s federal-aid highway or transit formula apportionments or from other Federal, state, local or private funds? If yes, how much and from what source?
Yes. $2.65M in SAFETEA-LU

18. Has the project received funding in previous federal legislation? If so, please cite the act(s), and amount(s) authorized.
Yes. $2.65M in SAFETEA-LU

19. NEPA category of action (e.g. Categorical Exclusion, Environmental Assessment, Environmental Impact Statement)
Categorical Exclusion

20. Status of environmental review
CEQA-exempt. NEPA not started

21. Are you submitting this request to another Member of Congress? If so, who?:
No

22. If the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure chose to fund this project, please provide a very short legal description of the project as you would like it to appear in the bill.
Rehabilitation of Farm to Market Roads

23. If you are submitting more than one project, please list the project priority.
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5. Please categorize the project (Check one)
   Highway or bridge  X  Intermodal facility (passenger)_____
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   Other _______

6. Is the project eligible for the use of Federal-aid highway or transit funds under Title 23 or Title 49 of the United States Code? (If you don’t know, say so) Additionally, is the project on the STIP or TIP?
   Eligible under Title 23: Yes.
   In the TIP/FTIP: Yes.

7. If the project is a highway or bridge project, is it on the National Highway System?
   Yes
8. Briefly describe the total project:
This project will widen Hollister Avenue to improve traffic circulation and create a multimodal, complete street corridor. Project elements include replacing a large culvert to improve fish passage and create space for four lanes, full Class 2 bike lanes, pedestrian walkways (including ADA improvements), planted medians and parkways, and installation of complete street elements.

a. Is it part of a larger system of projects and, if so, describe the larger system?
Yes. It is part of a larger project that will include widening the entire corridor, which includes replacing a railroad bridge, to improve circulation, multimodal access, and complete streets elements for this arterial roadway and alternative to the US101 during emergencies.

b. What is the total estimated cost of the project? $8.6M

9. Please identify the specific segment for which project funding is being sought, including terminus points.
Hollister Avenue from San Antonio Road to Modoc Road.

10. What dollar amount of federal funds are you requesting for this project or segment of a project? Please provide an explanation of the sources of funding for this project? Additionally, list the sources of funding for the full share of the cost of the project if amount received is less than amount requested
Preliminary design and environmental has been completed using federal funds with local matching funds.

$6.9M federal funds would complete detailed design, right of way, and construction.

$1.7M local matching funds would be provided by a combination of local funds that include Measure A sale tax, development fees, County General Fund, and State Gas Tax

11. What is the proposed schedule and status of work on the project? What is the current stage of development of the project? (planning, final design, construction). Will the requested funding for the project be obligated within the next six years?

Status
Preliminary Plans: complete
Complete Streets and Landscape Plan: complete

Schedule
Environmental Document: in circulation, anticipated complete winter 2021
Final Design: December 2021-December 2022
Right of Way: December 2021-December 2022
Construction: May 2023-January 2024

Yes, requested funding will be obligated within the next six years.

12. Project Plan
a. Is the project part of the State’s long-range plan? (include documentation or reference)
b. Is the project included in the metropolitan and/or State Transportation Improvement Program? (include documentation or reference)
   Yes, the project is in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program

   Project ID#: COUNTY19H

13. Please provide a letter of support from State, regional and/or local agency officials.
   Please see attached

14. Does the project have national or regional significance? Describe.
   Yes. this major arterial connects City of Santa Barbara to Goleta, University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), and Isla Vista. As a major regional link, it serves as an alternative to US101, the only major north south route in the region.
   Meeting housing needs and growth in the area has meant an increase in traffic volumes on Hollister Avenue. This condition is projected to worsen in the future, leading to increased delays, greenhouse gas emissions from idling, and congestion along Hollister. This project will increase capacity on Hollister by widening it from two lanes to four lanes and provide opportunities for car-free, multimodal transportation.
   While this project meets regional planning goals of for southern Santa Barbara County, it also provides an opportunity to incorporate active transportation improvements and environmental benefits. Not only will it reduce greenhouse gases due to vehicle idling and congestion, but it also improves fish passage, filters surface water runoff, creates green spaces, and provides alternative choices for transportation. It will also transform an ad hoc business zone into a cohesive complete street corridor and link it to the surrounding residential neighborhood, providing a walkable community meshed with local business, improving access and vitality for the entire Goleta Valley and Southern Santa Barbara County in the 23rd District.

15. A description of the process that has been or will be followed to provide an opportunity for public comment on the project.
   This project was included in the County’s circulation element in 1980 (refreshed in 2014). Both iterations went through extensive public processes, including Board of Supervisor hearings and approvals. Other major efforts that included public processes and Board approval hearings are the Goleta Transportation Improvement Plan (1995) and the Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan (2015). The Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan was informed by a grassroots effort from the community that culminated in the 2006 “Eastern Goleta Valley Vision”. All of these documents and processes envisioned a four lane, multimodal corridor compatible with the context of the community.
   Specifically on the preliminary design and environmental work for the plans included in this request, the County conducted outreach and site visits with the Coalition for Sustainable Transportation (COAST) and the Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition (SBBC). Additional input from a wide range of stakeholders was received at a public workshop held at Vieja Valley Elementary School on November 15, 2012, and a public scoping meeting for the NEPA process conducted on October 29, 2014.
Public Works staff has also met with Santa Barbara County Fire Department and Santa Barbara MTD (public bus services) several times to receive their feedback. This route is of special importance to County Fire since Fire Station 13 falls within the footprint of the project and to MTD as this route serves as a major corridor for their services.

16. Describe the economic, environmental, congestion mitigation and safety benefits associated with the completion of the project. Describe the public benefit.

Without improvements this corridor will be highly congested as future travel demands exceed the capacity of the corridor. These impacts are already beginning to accumulate. Widening the road will provide more capacity to meet this demand. However, this project goes well beyond meeting vehicular demand, and proposes improvements to provide options for other modes of travel. It would improve walkability and connectivity of pedestrian facilities, including ADA improvements, between the businesses in the area and the surrounding residences. It also works in concert with the rezoning completed for this corridor to provide a blend of mixed-use housing and commercial areas by including complete streets elements. Bicycle safety and connectivity would be addressed by connecting this corridor to the Cities of Santa Barbara and Goleta regional bicycle network with Class 2 bike lanes. And transit options would be improved by providing optimized locations for bus stops with improved stop for all users. Beyond the transportation infrastructure, this project will also restore the creek area to a natural bottom and improve fish passage under Hollister Avenue.

17. Has the project already received funding through the State’s federal-aid highway or transit formula apportionments or from other Federal, state, local or private funds? If yes, how much and from what source?
Yes. $1.8M in SAFETEA-LU

18. Has the project received funding in previous federal legislation? If so, please cite the act(s), and amount(s) authorized.
Yes. $1.8M in SAFETEA-LU

19. NEPA category of action (e.g. Categorical Exclusion, Environmental Assessment, Environmental Impact Statement)
Environmental Assessment

20. Status of environmental review
Admin Draft Review

21. Are you submitting this request to another Member of Congress? If so, who?:
No

22. If the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure chose to fund this project, please provide a very short legal description of the project as you would like it to appear in the bill.
Hollister Avenue Multimodal Corridor Improvements

23. If you are submitting more than one project, please list the project priority.
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7. If the project is a highway or bridge project, is it on the National Highway System?
   No
8. Briefly describe the total project:

a. Is it part of a larger system of projects and, if so, describe the larger system?
   Yes. This path ties together a comprehensive regional bicycle network on Santa Barbara County’s south coast. The project will connect existing multiuse paths with projects in design and under construction by the County, City of Santa Barbara, City of Goleta, and Caltrans. Together, these projects represent tens of millions of dollars in work to transform regional active transportation facilities. It will connect the Cities to the unincorporated County, UCSB, and multiple beaches visited by millions of people a year. The Modoc Multiuse Path and Obern trail are a vital link in this network. With a combination of projects to complete the missing segments of path separated from the road and improvements to the existing paths, this project will connect and enhance regionally transformational projects already under way by the Cities and Caltrans.

b. What is the total estimated cost of the project? $10.2M

9. Please identify the specific segment for which project funding is being sought, including terminus points.
   Multimodal Access gap closures and enhancements between Calle de los Amigos and Goleta Beach.

10. What dollar amount of federal funds are you requesting for this project or segment of a project? Please provide an explanation of the sources of funding for this project? Additionally, list the sources of funding for the full share of the cost of the project if amount received is less than amount requested
   • $2.9M federal funds.
   • $640k local matching funds will be provided by a combination of local funds that include Measure A sale tax, County General Fund, Community Service Area funds.
   • $5.4M State Active Transportation Program funding
   • If the project does not receive full federal funding, it can be scaled to the amount of funds available or the local funding match can be increased.

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11. What is the proposed schedule and status of work on the project? What is the current stage of development of the project? (planning, final design, construction). Will the requested funding for the project be obligated within the next six years?
   Status
   Preliminary Plans: complete
   Environmental: CEQA draft document under way. NEPA not yet complete
Schedule
Environmental: Complete December 2022
Final Design: January 2022-October 2023
Construction: December 2023-March 2024

Yes, requested funding will be obligated within the next six years.

12. Project Plan
   a. Is the project part of the State’s long-range plan? (include documentation or reference)
   b. Is the project included in the metropolitan and/or State Transportation Improvement Program? (include documentation or reference)
      Yes, the project is in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program

   Project ID#: COUNTY33

13. Please provide a letter of support from State, regional and/or local agency officials.
   Please see attached

14. Does the project have national or regional significance? Describe.
    Yes. This path network is a critical aspect of the Counties Climate Action Plan, Active Transportation Program, and Community Plan. It will link all the cities in the region with the unincorporated County, beaches, and University of California, Santa Barbara. It improves equity by creating alternative modes of transportation and access to beaches and resources, as well as transit stops and schools.

15. A description of the process that has been or will be followed to provide an opportunity for public comment on the project.
    This project is part of the regional Active Transportation Plan, which had an extensive outreach process. As part of the outreach for preparation of the State Active Transportation Program grant application for this project, several public and stakeholder meetings were held. Under the current project, public meetings will be held to review and provide input on the preferred alignment of the path.

16. Describe the economic, environmental, congestion mitigation and safety benefits associated with the completion of the project. Describe the public benefit.
    This project works in concert with projects the Cities of Santa Barbara and Goleta are undertaking to create a fully-linked regional network that will allow for alternate modes for commuting, safe routes to school, and recreational options. Greenhouse gas reduction, healthy activity options, and safer routes for travel will be public benefits of the project. This trail network is the most highly used non-motorized route in the region.

17. Has the project already received funding through the State’s federal-aid highway or transit formula apportionments or from other Federal, state, local or private funds? If yes, how much and from what source?
Yes. This project has received a $5.4M grant from the State’s competitive Active Transportation Program. It has also received approximately $640k from local road funds.

18. Has the project received funding in previous federal legislation? If so, please cite the act(s), and amount(s) authorized.
no.

19. NEPA category of action (e.g. Categorical Exclusion, Environmental Assessment, Environmental Impact Statement)
Environmental Assessment

20. Status of environmental review
CEQA is nearing completion. NEPA would need to be performed if funds are received, but could tier off of already-completed CEQA studies and documents.

21. Are you submitting this request to another Member of Congress? If so, who?:
No

22. If the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure chose to fund this project, please provide a very short legal description of the project as you would like it to appear in the bill.
Obern Multiuse Trail Regional Connection and Enhancements

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Thank you for your consideration