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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Resilient State Route 37 Tolay Creek Bridge Replacement and Restoration** project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Sonoma County Transportation Authority**, located at 411 King Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

The funding would be used replace the existing 60-foot long two-lane SR 37 bridge over Tolay Creek. The new bridge will: allow for implementation of the lower Sonoma Creek Baylands strategy that includes Tolay Restoration, examine feasibility of designing long-term project elevations, support the transition to long-term project elevations consistent with integration of SMART including possible grade separation, provide a barrier separated Class I bicycle path to close a gap in the Bay Trail and improve safety, all within the timeline of the Sears Point to Mare Island Interim Project delivery.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will have multiple benefits including: relieving congestion and improving safety in the corridor; allow for an increase in tidal prism that is needed for restoration of the San Pablo Baylands as identified in the Sonoma Creek Baylands Strategy to mitigate for projected sea-level rise in the corridor; closing a gap in connectivity for bicyclists and pedestrians in the San Francisco Bay Trail.; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and improve access to equity priority communities.

I certify that neither I, nor my immediate family, has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Jared Huffman
Member of Congress