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The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chair
Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Interstate 15 (I-15)/State Route 78 (SR-78) Managed Lanes Project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The sponsor for this project is Caltrans District 11 and San Diego Association of Governments, and the project is located between Nordahl Road and Woodland Parkway/Barham Drive, and on SR-78 between San Marcos Boulevard and I-15.

The funding is designated for construction of stage 1 of the project, which consist of access and operational improvements in and around SR-78 Woodland Interchange including auxiliary lanes.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars as the I-15/SR-78 Managed Lanes Project proposes to build direct connectors between I-15 and SR-78, adds a westbound auxiliary lane between Nordahl Road and Woodland Parkway/Barham Drive, and three miles of new Managed Lanes on SR-78 between San Marcos Boulevard and I-15.

The corridor has experienced a substantial amount of growth in its residential, job, and housing centers. This growth coupled with limited alternatives has placed a strain on the I-15/SR-78 interchange and local streets in the cities of San Marcos and Escondido. The lack of improved local connections, managed facilities, and alternative travel options are affecting travel times, which are expected to increase while person throughput and mobility decrease.

These connectors are intended to improve community connectivity and traffic flow on and between the two corridors, increase access to homes and jobs, and improve overall quality of life in north inland San Diego County. This project is a partnership with Caltrans, SANDAG, and the City of San Marcos, focused on increasing local access while improving connectivity between the growing economic, educational, medical, and residential hubs in San Diego County.

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

Sincerely,



Darrell Issa
Member of Congress