

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0550**

April 27, 2021

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  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the State Route (SR-52) Congestion Improvement Project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The sponsor for this project is the San Diego Association of Governments and the City of Santee and the project is 4.2 miles long, running from Mast Boulevard to I-15.

The funding is designated for constructing a westbound truck climbing line from Mast Boulevard to I-15 and eliminating an eastbound bottleneck by restriping to add an additional travel lane.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and will improve congestion of a major east-west corridor in San Diego County. It connects east county residents to employment centers in the west and north, with daily volumes over 100,000 vehicles and 3,000 trucks. It's a major economic connection for freight from the US-Mexico border via SR-125 and interstate traffic from Arizona.

The profile of SR-52 is defined by the Mission Trails Summit, limiting the speed of heavy trucks on the ascent. This creates heavy congestion during the AM and PM commute. The project adds a 4.2-mile-long westbound auxiliary/truck climbing lane as its key feature, as well as ramp modifications and relocating a bicycle route. The improvements will reduce peak hour travel time by up to 33% and improve traffic flow for workforce and freight movement, military and educational support, emergency response, improved quality of life and economic vitality of the region and the southwest U.S.

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

Sincerely,



Darrell Issa

Member of Congress