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May 19, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1036 Longworth HOB  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for State Route 52 Operational Improvements in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Santee, located at 10601 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, CA 92071.

The funding would improve traffic operations of a major east-west corridor in San Diego County by constructing a 4.2-mile-long truck climbing lane from Mast Boulevard to Santo Road, relocating the bike lane, adding an additional lane to the westbound on-ramp at Mast Boulevard, and restriping a portion of the road to add an additional lane in each direction.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because State Route 52 is the only direct connection for Santee residents and other drivers in eastern San Diego County to western San Diego County. Because many eastern San Diego County residents commute to western San Diego County for work, drivers experience heavy delays on State Route 52 in both the morning and evening peak traffic hours. Heavy congestion on State Route 52 impacts freeway traffic and spills over to city streets causing gridlock.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 U.S.C. 133(b).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting this important project.

Sincerely,



DARRELL ISSA  
Member of Congress