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Re: High Priority Project Requests for the 30th District of California

Dear Colleagues:

I request your support for the following projects for the 30th District of California in the upcoming reauthorization of the Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

U.S. 101/Lindero Canyon Road Interchange Improvement Project, Westlake Village

The project is part of a \$17 million effort to add two traffic lanes to the Lindero Canyon Road overpass, connect bike and walking paths across the freeway, and add capacity to the freeway on-ramp. The amount requested for the project is \$5,000,000.

U.S. 101/Lost Hills Interchange Improvement Project, Calabasas

The project is part of a \$22 million effort to add two traffic lanes to the Lost Hills Road overpass and connect bike and walking paths across the freeway. The project would also reconfigure the on- and off-ramps to reduce congestion at the interchange, which is used by up to 47,000 cars a day. The amount requested for the project is \$5,000,000.

U.S. 101/ Polo Canyon Road/Chesebore Road Interchange Improvements, Agoura Hills

The project is part of a \$25 million effort to reconstruct a portion of the Polo Canyon Road overpass, adding additional lanes including sidewalks and a bicycle lane, and enhance the safety of the on- and off-ramps at Chesebore Road. The amount requested for the project is \$5,000,000.

Kanan Dume Road Truck Escape Improvements at Intersection with Highway 1/PCH, Malibu

The project would redesign the truck escape and intersection to improve the efficiency of the interchange and slow the speed of trucks as they approach from Kanan Dume Road. In 2007, the intersection was the site of a fatal accident when a truck could not decelerate quickly enough and hit a passenger car. The amount requested for the project is \$420,240.

Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus (BBB) Clean-Fuel Bus Purchases

The project would enable Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus to purchase 10 clean-fuel buses to replace retiring diesel models. The new buses would reduce emissions as well as fuel and maintenance costs. The amount requested for the project is \$8,948,164.

DASH Clean-Fuel Bus Purchases for Fairfax and West Hollywood, Los Angeles

The project would enable the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to purchase five clean-fuel replacement buses for DASH commuter service operations on neighborhood routes in Fairfax and West Hollywood. The amount requested for the project is \$1,600,000.

Metrolink Positive Train Control System Planning and Design

The project, requested in conjunction with other congressional districts that support Metrolink routes, would provide \$20 million for the development of a Positive Train Control system that would link Metrolink, Amtrak and freight rail operations to prevent rail collisions and derailment. The 30th District was the site of the fatal 2009 Chatsworth collision, which killed 25 and injured 135 Metrolink passengers. The amount requested for the project is \$5,000,000.

Westside Subway Extension New Start Authorization, Los Angeles

The project, requested in conjunction with other districts on the route currently under consideration, would authorize the Federal Transit Administration to enter into a Full Funding Grant Agreement with MTA to share the estimated \$8.2 billion cost of construction for the Westside Subway Extension.

Westside Subway Extension Planning, Engineering and Design, Los Angeles

The project, requested in conjunction with other districts on the route currently under consideration, would provide \$20 million for preliminary engineering and design work for the Westside Subway Extension. The amount requested for the project is \$10,000,000.

Gateway Plaza and Intermodal Facility at Expo Light Rail terminus, Santa Monica

The project would create a plaza and intermodal facility in downtown Santa Monica where thousands of riders arriving to and from the Expo Line could access bus transit, bicycle and pedestrian routes to reach popular area destinations. The amount requested for the project is \$5,000,000.

Santa Monica Downtown Electric Streetcar Small Start Authorization

The streetcar proposal is a plan under development to connect points in downtown Santa Monica, including the terminus points of the Expo line and the Westside Subway Extension and popular area destinations.

Streetlighting improvements on Wilshire Blvd near the West Los Angeles Veterans

Administration, Los Angeles County

The upgrades would convert the street lighting systems to use energy efficient induction fluorescent lamps along Wilshire Boulevard between Veteran Avenue and Federal Avenue and on other neighboring streets in the area of the West LA VA. The new systems are projected to diminish light pollution and reduce energy and maintenance costs by 40% to 50%. The amount requested for the project is \$1,200,000.

West Valley Region Resurfacing Project, Los Angeles

The project would complete a street repaving on a series of Los Angeles streets located between the 118 Freeway, Mulholland Drive and the western city limits. The project was initiated with funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (P.L. 111-5). The amount requested for the project is \$2,900,000.

Streetscape improvements for La Brea Pedestrian Gateway, West Hollywood

The project would incorporate pedestrian safety enhancements along a section of La Brea Avenue between Fountain Avenue and Romaine Street, including median islands, street lighting, traffic and pedestrian signal upgrades and landscaping. The amount requested for the project is \$1,100,000.

Thank you for your consideration. Original copies of the required certification letters are enclosed. A copy of this submission will be posted on my congressional website.

Sincerely,



HENRY A. WAXMAN
Member of Congress