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*Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515*

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March 2, 2023

The Honorable Rico Medina, Chair  
San Mateo County Transportation Authority  
1250 San Carlos Avenue  
San Carlos, California 94070-1306

Dear Chairman Medina,

As part of this year's appropriations process, it was just announced by the new Majority that Members of Congress may once again request Community Project Funding to directly fund nonprofit and public sector projects in their Congressional Districts, and I invite you to share with me a project you believe is a top priority.

The Appropriations Committee will only consider requests for certain funding accounts, and I've enclosed a list of accounts and their eligibility requirements for your reference. The Committee prioritizes requests with substantive community support in the form of letters from local elected officials, local press articles or editorials, local government resolutions, or other indications of local support.

If you have a project that I should consider submitting to the Committee, I need to hear from you no later than March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. PDT so I can thoroughly review the information you share. You can submit information about the project to my office using this online form: <https://forms.office.com/s/PC4CRDwAmc>.

I'm only permitted to submit a limited number of requests, and I will seriously consider your recommendation. If you have any questions, you can contact Eric Henshall in my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 225-8104.

Most gratefully,

Anna G. Eshoo  
Member of Congress

Enclosure

cc: Members, San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors  
Ms. April Chan, General Manager & CEO

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# Congresswoman Anna G. Eshoo

## Community Project Funding Information by Subcommittee

### **Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies**

*Further guidance:*

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/republicans.appropriations.house.gov/files/FY24%20Agriculture,%20Rural%20Development,%20Food%20and%20Drug%20Administration%20and%20Related%20Agencies%20Guidance.docx.pdf>

- **Department of Agriculture–Farm Production and Conservation Programs**
  - Natural Resources Conservation Service (Conservation Operations)
- **Department of Agriculture–Research, Education, and Economics**
  - Agricultural Research Service (Buildings and Facilities)
- **Department of Agriculture–Rural Development**
  - Rural Housing Service (Community Facilities)
  - Rural Utilities Service (ReConnect Program)
  - Rural Utilities Service (Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants)
  - Rural Utilities Service (Rural Water and Waste Disposal Grants)

### **Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies**

*Further guidance:*

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/republicans.appropriations.house.gov/files/FY24%20Commerce,%20Justice,%20Science,%20and%20Related%20Agencies%20Guidance.pdf>

- **Department of Commerce**
  - NIST—Scientific and Technical Research
  - NOAA—Coastal Zone Management
- **Department of Justice**
  - COPS Technology and Equipment
  - Byrne Justice
- **National Aeronautics and Space Administration**
  - Safety, Security, and Mission Services

### **Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies**

*Further guidance:*

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/republicans.appropriations.house.gov/files/FY24%20Energy%20and%20Water%20Development%20Guidance.pdf>

- **Department of the Interior/Bureau of Reclamation**
  - Water and Related Resources

- **Army Corps of Engineers (Civil Works)**
  - Investigations
  - Construction
  - Mississippi River and Tributaries
  - Operation and Maintenance

## **Homeland Security**

*Further guidance:*

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/republicans.appropriations.house.gov/files/FY24%20Homeland%20Security%20Guidance.pdf>

- **Federal Emergency Management Agency**
  - Federal Assistance—Emergency Ops. Centers
  - Federal Assistance—Pre-Disaster Mitigation

## **Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies**

*Further guidance:*

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/republicans.appropriations.house.gov/files/FY24%20Interior,%20Environment,%20and%20Related%20Agencies%20Guidance.pdf>

- **Environmental Protection Agency**
  - STAG—Clean Water State Revolving Fund
  - STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

## **Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies**

*Further guidance:*

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/republicans.appropriations.house.gov/files/FY24%20Military%20Construction,%20Veterans%20Affairs,%20and%20Related%20Agencies%20Guidance.pdf>

- **Military Construction accounts under the Department of Defense**
  - Army
  - Army National Guard
  - Army Reserve
  - Navy & Marine Corps
  - Navy Reserve
  - Air Force and Space Force
  - Air National Guard
  - Air Force Reserve
  - DoD, Defense-Wide



## **Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies**

*Further guidance:*

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/republicans.appropriations.house.gov/files/FY24%20Transportation,%20and%20Housing%20and%20Urban%20Development,%20and%20Related%20Agencies%20Dear%20Colleague.pdf>

- **Department of Housing and Urban Development**
  - CDBG – Economic Development Initiatives
  
- **Department of Transportation**
  - Airport Improvement Program
  - Highway Infrastructure Projects
  - Transit Infrastructure Projects
  - Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements
  - Port Infrastructure Development Program

### **Subcommittees NOT accepting project requests**

- Defense
- Financial Services and General Government
- Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies
- Legislative Branch
- State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

**From:** [Brook, Jean](#)  
**To:** [Board \(@smcta.com\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Note to CAC and TA Board  
**Date:** Thursday, March 9, 2023 4:19:33 PM

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**From:** Mike Swire <mswire91@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 9, 2023 3:43 PM  
**To:** Brook, Jean <BrookJ@samtrans.com>  
**Subject:** Note to CAC and TA Board

Dear TA Board and Fellow CAC Members,

As you are probably aware, tolling just started for the additional lane on the new section of 101. I have been following the commentary on NextDoor. It has been over 85% negative. The primary themes seem to be:

- 1) **Why is traffic still so bad when we just widened 101?** Most say that congestion is as bad as it was prior to the widening. Many seem puzzled at this. This is not surprising, however, as nearly [all previous highway widenings in the US have not resulted in long-term improvements in congestion, but have increased the total number of vehicle miles travelled](#). The congestion is so bad that it has driven Express Lanes tolls north of \$20 in some cases (as Express Lane prices increase with demand, which increases with congestion in the non-toll lanes).
- 2) **Why do drivers need to spend \$ on the Express Lanes when taxpayers paid so much (\$600MM) to have the new lanes built?** Many claim it is a revenue grab by the state to fund other programs. Others cite the unfairness towards those who are not able to afford \$20 tolls in each direction. Many are frustrated at the high number of non-HOV and non-paying drivers that cheat the system. Note that there is a small minority of comments in the opposite direction: anyone can use the lanes to go faster if they pay.
- 3) **There seems to be a large number of crashes since the lanes were installed.** Many attribute this to the large difference in speed between the express lanes (65+ mph) and non-express lanes (25 mph). Many cite drivers who swerve in and out of the express lanes at the last minute to avoid the FastTrak sensors.

Here are two threads that are getting a lot of traffic (bad pun):

[https://nextdoor.com/p/BwZ4tcGdD6hG?utm\\_source=share&extras=MzU0NTk3](https://nextdoor.com/p/BwZ4tcGdD6hG?utm_source=share&extras=MzU0NTk3)

[https://nextdoor.com/p/MpygyHhHt6h\\_?utm\\_source=share&extras=MzU0NTk3](https://nextdoor.com/p/MpygyHhHt6h_?utm_source=share&extras=MzU0NTk3)

I think we should share this feedback with staff and others during the next Express Lanes presentation.

Hope all is well,

Mike Swire