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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the “San Ysidro Mobility Hub” project in fiscal year 2024, in the amount of \$927,777.78. The entity to receive the funding is the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), located at 401 B, San Diego, CA 92101.

This project will continue conceptual planning and engineering work towards transforming the San Ysidro Transit Center and surrounding neighborhood into a vibrant mobility hub with a cohesive approach to land use and transportation that will reinvigorate the community, rebuild community connections, and improve access to the regional transit system.

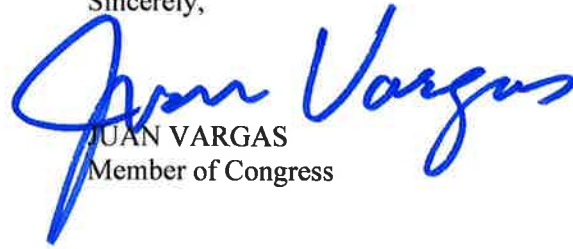
This project is a good use of taxpayer resources because the San Ysidro Mobility Hub is a priority project in the RTP, City of San Diego Climate Action Plan (CAP), and California-Baja California Border Master Plan (BMP). A full CPF award would support planning, outreach, and conceptual engineering to develop design scenarios for the future Mobility Hub facility, conceptual site plans for transit supportive amenities throughout the community (e.g., shared mobility services, bike, and pedestrian improvements, etc.), priority access solutions for border crossers to encourage mode shift and reduce border congestion, and develop recommendations for transit supportive land use and urban design elements. The San Ysidro Transit Center has 13,000 daily transit boardings making it the second busiest station in the region despite only being served by one light rail line and two local bus routes. The RTP identifies San Ysidro as a key location for Mobility Hub investment given its binational significance, high demand, and opportunity to encourage mode shift.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

The San Ysidro Mobility Hub is a priority project in the Regional Transit Plant, City of San Diego Climate Action Plan (CAP), and California-Baja California Border Master Plan (BMP). Other supporters include Senator Dianne Feinstein, San Diego Air Pollution Control District, San Diego City Councilmember Vivian Moreno, and State Senator Steve Padilla.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Juan Vargas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Juan" and the last name "Vargas" clearly distinguishable. The signature is positioned above the printed name and title.

JUAN VARGAS
Member of Congress