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The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
Chairman
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

“I am requesting funding for Harbor Drive 2.0 in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is SANDAG, Caltrans, and the Port of San Diego and the project is located at from Park Blvd in San Diego, CA, 92101 to Bay Marina Drive at Tidelands Avenue in National City, CA, 91950.

The funding designated for Harbor Drive 2.0 will enhance the currently designated freight route as a connected, flexible corridor providing enhanced freight connectivity between National City Marine Terminal and Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal and regional freeways.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: it will incentivizes trucks to avoid entering neighborhoods like Barrio Logan and National City to ensure equity for neighboring environmental justice communities, enhance the quality of life for neighborhood residents, and improve public safety. This multimodal corridor has national significance and provides arterial flow of goods and people movement, including maritime, rail, freight, personal vehicle, pedestrian, bicycle, and public transit access, and provides access to Naval Base San Diego (home of the Pacific Fleet) and ship building/repair facilities. It would also achieve significant emissions reductions – as much as 43 tons of CO₂, 8.2 tons of NO_x – and save 600,000 gallons of fuel annually, equivalent to 1,150 passenger vehicles.

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

Sincerely,

JUAN VARGAS
Member of Congress