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April 28, 2022

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

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

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the “Bayshore Bikeway: Barrio Logan” project in fiscal year 2023, in the amount of \$3,500,000. The entity to receive the funding is the San Diego Association of Governments, located at 401 B St., Suite 800, San Diego, CA 92101.

The Bayshore Bikeway is a regional Class I multi-use bicycle and pedestrian path that extends 24 miles around San Diego Bay. The Barrio Logan Segment of the Bayshore Bikeway is a 2.4-mile, Class 1, shared-use path that will serve people walking, biking and using other non-motorized modes (E-bikes are OK). Currently 85% of the entire bikeway is complete. This project will close a major gap in the Bayshore Bikeway with a connection to downtown San Diego, the Bayfront promenade, convention center and direct access to Naval Base San Diego and many working waterfront employment centers, businesses and activity centers.

The shared-use path will be built along Harbor Drive between Park Boulevard and 32nd Street within the City of San Diego and Port of San Diego Tidelands. It also will provide a safe place for pedestrians where there are few areas with sidewalks. The bikeway also provides a first and last mile connection to the San Diego Trolley. Additional improvements include medians, restriping of lanes on Harbor Drive, lights, safety and wayfinding signage, urban greening and stormwater treatment elements, improvement of railroad crossings, and relocation of utilities and storm drains.

The Barrio Logan project directly benefits disadvantaged communities and provides safer, non-motorized connections to these areas. This is a needed mobility and streets safety project that will benefit a historically underserved community, additionally it provides an opportunity for people to travel between employment centers, residential areas, and transit stations without needing to drive and park. The project can help meet regional, statewide, and national goals of greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled reductions. Bikeway and pedestrian improvement projects support mobility, public health, climate action, and quality of life goals consistently at local, state, and federal levels by making streets safer for all users while creating nonmotorized transportation choices.

The project is highly anticipated and popular with residents in the district and region as a whole. The project serves residents in a disadvantaged community and addresses many unmet needs by closing a

significant gap in the Bayshore Bikeway. The Barrio Logan Segment will provide the inherent safety of being able to ride and walk in space protected from motor vehicle traffic, for the broader bike network the project brings in a missing high priority network component, meets the public health need for people to exercise by biking, walking and running in a safe place, reduces car dependency, makes safe connections to transit between employment centers and residential areas , contributes to GHG reduction, and most simply meets the unmet need of allowing the average person to bike and walk comfortably along Harbor Drive.

This project has received written support from California State Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins, California State Senator Ben Hueso, former California Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez, San Diego County Supervisor Nora Vargas, former San Diego County Supervisor Greg Cox, former San Diego City Councilmember David Alvarez, Port of San Diego, County of San Diego, General Dynamics NASSCO, San Diego Bicycle Coalition, Circulate San Diego, Coronado City Councilmember Mike Donovan, Imperial Beach City Councilmember, Matthew Leyba-Gonzalez, and National City Councilmember Marcus Bush.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Juan Vargas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Juan Vargas
Member of Congress