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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
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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

"I am requesting funding for Otay Mesa Truck Route Phase 4, San Diego, CA in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of San Diego and the project is located at 2665 La Media Rd. San Diego, CA 92154.

The funding is designated for the Otay Truck Route Phase 4 project, which proposes to improve and extend the Southbound Truck Export Road (SB-TER), a dedicated one-way surface transportation access road used for all laden and un-laden (empty) freight trucks to the Otay Mesa Port of Entry. The improvements would include resurfacing and widening 1.30 miles of an existing paved road. Two separate lanes to the SB-TER (one for laden the other for un-laden), and a dedicated emergency lane will be constructed for Border Patrol use.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: the Border Frontage Road truck route will dedicate paved lanes for both the un-laden and laden trucks, as well as provide a widened shoulder dedicated for emergency vehicles, the US Border Patrol and other Federal agencies. In addition, the congestion caused by trucks on the local streets would be eliminated, allowing for emergency vehicles, the US Border Patrol and other Federal agencies to travel freely.

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

Sincerely,

JUAN VARGAS
Member of Congress