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The Honorable Steve Womack  
Chair  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation,  
Housing and Urban Development, and Related  
Agencies  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable James E. Clyburn  
Ranking Member  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation,  
Housing and Urban Development, and Related  
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Dear Chairman Womack and Ranking Member Clyburn,

I am requesting funding for the "Marina Way Realignment" project in the amount of \$1,200,000. The entity to receive the funding is the Port of San Diego, located at 3165 Pacific Highway San Diego, CA 92101.

This project will better connect surface streets to the interstate highway, creating a natural separation between maritime, industrial, and commercial land uses to more efficiently accommodate both public recreation and cargo-handling activity. It will do so by realigning approximately 1,400 linear feet of Marina Way so that it runs parallel with the rail-track connector that moves freight to and from the National City Marine Terminal. This realignment not only involves moving the street but also relocating all utilities, including electrical, sewer, and water.

This project is a good use of taxpayer resources because the realignment of Marina Way will improve land use in the area by expanding public access in West National City and improving the configuration of commercial, recreational, and maritime uses. The Marina Way realignment is at the heart of the National City Balanced Plan, which aims to address the longstanding freight needs at the National City Marine Terminal that sits adjacent to the National City Marina District. The project also has the non-freight benefit of creating a more contiguous commercial business footprint that is not bifurcated by a roadway and expansion of public access amenities and acreage at Pepper Park. In addition, this realignment will better balance freight access to critical corridors with residents' ability to access recreational amenities on the San Diego Bay, thereby creating a better waterfront experience for the community and general public.

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

This project has support from the City Manager of National City, Benjamin Martinez; National City Councilmember Luz Molina; and the South County Economic Development Council.

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 that reads "Juan Vargas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Juan" and last name "Vargas" clearly distinguishable.

Juan Vargas  
Member of Congress