



March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: City of Bakersfield - Monitor Street Corridor Safe Route to Schools Phase II Project

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Monitor Street Safe Route to Schools Phase II Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Bakersfield, located at located at 1600 Truxton Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

The funding would be used to improve the 1.75-mile segment of Monitor Street between Fairview Road and Hosking Avenue in Bakersfield. This includes the installation of pedestrian, bike friendly, and ADA compliant sidewalk infrastructure. This will complete a safe path for students to get to South High School from the center of Bakersfield. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these street improvements increase the safety and quality of life for these disadvantaged neighborhoods as well as build upon other new investments in Southeast Bakersfield.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b)

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 "David G. Valadao".

David G. Valadao
Member of Congress