



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: North Shafter Street Improvement Phase I Project

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the North Shafter Street Improvement Phase I Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Shafter, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263.

The North Shafter Street Improvement Phase 1 Project will reconstruct five residential streets in a designated Disadvantaged Community that currently lacks basic infrastructure, where existing roadways consist primarily of minimal pavement with no sidewalks or formal drainage. The project will include full roadway reconstruction, construction of continuous ADA-compliant sidewalks, installation of curb and gutter, and storm drainage improvements to address localized flooding and improve roadway durability. These improvements will significantly enhance pedestrian safety, walkability, accessibility, and emergency access while providing reliable connections to schools, parks, transit, and essential services. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide much-needed safety and stormwater improvements to a disadvantaged community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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