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VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES

April 27, 2021

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the following project in the surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

**Project Name:** State Route 41 Excelsior Corridor Project

**Location:** In Fresno County from the Kings County Line north to Elkhorn Avenue

**Description/Justification of Project:** This is the last gap in the SR41 four-lane facility from southern Madera County, through Fresno County, to the City of Lemoore in Kings County. This 6-mile gap has a long history of collisions and experiences higher-than-expected collision rates. Since October of 2020, there have been 5 fatal collisions within this gap. Caltrans has initiated an interim safety project to install temporary K-rail barrier along the centerline in order to preclude passing and prevent head-on collisions until the facility can be expanded to four-lanes. This project will save lives by providing a comprehensive long-term solution to the various safety problems along this route segment. While this is a widening project, its focus is safety and not capacity. SR41 is primarily a goods movements, farm to market, and recreational route providing northerly access to California's Central Coast. It provides access for southern Fresno County to the goods and services available in the Fresno metro area, and provides access to Lemoore Naval Air Station through its connection to SR198. This project will improve safety, facilitate efficient goods movement, and improve access to jobs and vital services for the primarily low-income residents in southern Fresno and northern Kings Counties.

**Project Sponsor:** Fresno Council of Governments/Fresno County Transportation Authority

**Requested Amount:** \$20,000,000

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interests in these projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David G. Valadao".

David G. Valadao  
Member of Congress