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The Honorable Tom Cole, Chairman
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Ranking
Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Steve Womack, Chairman
The Honorable Mike Quigley, Ranking
Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and
Urban Development, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations

RE: Pacifica Avenue Safe Routes to School

Dear Chairmen Cole and Womack and Ranking Members DeLauro and Quigley:

I respectfully request \$2,000,000 for the Pacifica Avenue Safe Routes to School Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Contra Costa located at 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez, CA 94553. While the recipient is headquartered in California's 10th Congressional District, the proposed project is in my district.

This community project funding would be used to close a 400-foot sidewalk gap east of Riverview Middle School where the sidewalk transitions abruptly from concrete to an asphalt path in rapidly deteriorating condition. The project will also raise and make other improvements to three midblock crossings for Riverview Middle School and Rio Vista Elementary School, bringing schoolchildren crossing the street into better view of oncoming vehicles.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve pedestrian safety, provide complete streets for schoolchildren, and construct a continuous *Americans with Disabilities Act* (ADA)-compliant pedestrian path along Pacifica Avenue to three nearby public schools. The project has a federal nexus because the funding requested is for purposes authorized by section 133(b)(7) of title 23, United States Code.

Pursuant to Clause 17 of Rule XXIII of the U.S. House of Representatives, I certify that I have no financial interest in this project and neither does anyone in my immediate family. Thank you for your leadership and consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

JOHN GARAMENDI
Member of Congress