The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee of Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

April 29, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding in the amount of $2,500,000 for the Grant Line Road Realignment in the fiscal year 2023 Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

The project sponsor for this project is San Joaquin County, and the project is located in San Joaquin County.

The Grant Line Road Realignment Project (Project) realigns Grant Line Road south of the community of Banta. The new 1.65-mile, four-lane arterial roadway will begin at Chabot Court and terminate with a new multi-lane roundabout intersection at 11th Street. The Project will create a new at-grade crossing with the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks and close two existing highway-railway crossings at Banta Road and 6th Street. The Project will upgrade the Grant Line Road/G Street Intersection to improve access and provide pedestrian crossing enhancements at the existing Grant Line Road/UPRR at-grade crossing. This will enhance safety at the railroad crossings for vehicles, trucks, and trains. The Project expands the pedestrian network by adding sidewalks to the existing Grant Line Road at-grade crossing which would improve conditions for students to safely walk to and from Banta Elementary School.

In addition to improving safety, this project would also reduce traffic congestion. Existing Grant Line Road is a two-lane rural route connecting east Tracy to Interstate 5 (I-5). The existing Grant Line Road alignment passes through the rural, low-income community of Banta. Traffic volumes along Grant Line Road have grown significantly in recent years to 7,300 average daily traffic (ADT) and are projected to increase to 20,900 ADT by 2045.

Grant Line Road serves as a parallel route for the congested I-205 freeway. I-205 is a significant regional highway connecting San Joaquin County and the Central Valley to the Bay Area. Traffic volumes on I-205 exceed 170,000 ADT, creating heavy congestion at times. As a result, commuters and trucks use Grant Line Road to bypass the freeway. Additionally, Grant Line Road provides connections from eastbound I-205 to southbound I-5 and northbound I-5 to
westbound I-205. There is currently no direct freeway to freeway connection between eastbound I-205 and southbound I-5. As Grant Line Road is the main road running through the community of Banta, all this traffic has a negative effect, both in air quality and in physical safety, for Banta’s residents, especially its children.

Funding for this project would be a good use of taxpayer funds, as it would improve goods movement, which will help economic development and enhance traffic safety. It will also help improve the health and safety of the people of Banta and their children.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jerry McNERney
Member of Congress