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The Honorable Peter DeFazio  
Chair  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Sam Graves  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the **Antioch Bicycle Garden Project** in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is **Contra Costa Transportation Authority** and the project is located at Antioch, CA, California's 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

The funding is designated for the development of a Bicycle Garden in Antioch, California. This project will expand current in-class bicycle and pedestrian safety education beyond the classroom and into the community by creating a permanent, hands-on bicycle training area where people of all ages and abilities can learn and practice the rules of the road for safe biking in a fun and unique outdoor facility.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: improve school-zone and communitywide safety; expand options for healthy recreation by providing a one-of-a-kind amenity that will attract Antioch residents, as well as those from neighboring communities; and encourage residents to spend time outdoors and engage in healthy exercise. By providing a positive bicycle learning experience, Bicycle Garden users will likely be more inclined to continue bicycling, not only as a means for achieving healthy exercise and outdoor recreation, but users may also choose bicycling as a mode of transportation on a more regular basis. Increased bicycling could reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT), ease school-zone and other local traffic congestion, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and improve air quality in the region.

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

Sincerely,

Jerry McNerney  
Member of Congress