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The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chair
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$4,000,000 for the **North Lathrop Multi-modal Transfer Station** in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is **San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission** and the project is located at 930-998 W Lathrop Rd, Lathrop, CA 95330.

The funding is designated for construction of The North Lathrop Station on presently vacant federal land that is part of the 724-acre U.S. Department of Defense Sharpe Army Depot. The Station is required to facilitate the extension of the ACE service to Sacramento and Ceres/Merced. To provide ACE service at this new station, new station tracks and a station platform will be constructed to allow trains to pull into the station and passengers to board and disembark the train. A pedestrian overcrossing will be constructed between the surface parking area and the station platform, crossing over the railroad tracks. To meet parking demands generated by ACE service at this new station, a new surface parking lot will be constructed on approximately 6.9 acres directly east of the station platform on the southern portion of the Sharpe Army Depot.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: Once completed, the North Lathrop Transfer Station will allow passengers to transfer from trains traveling from Sacramento bound trains coming north from Ceres/Merced, to trains traveling south from Sacramento and Stockton heading to San Jose, thus allowing passengers from all trains from Ceres/Merced to reach San Jose. The station will allow the ACE service to provide an expansive connection to various major employment centers and essential businesses throughout the Central Valley and Bay Area. Furthermore, the station will improve air quality by reducing vehicle miles traveled, improve access and mobility, increase the economic development of an underutilized asset, and improve transportation options for disadvantaged communities.

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

Sincerely,

Jerry McNerney
Member of Congress