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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0509

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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 \$5,300,000 for the **Solar Energy Project (Phase 2)** in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the **San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD)** and the project is located at 2849 Myrtle Street Stockton, CA 95205; 120 N. Filbert Stockton, CA 9520; 421 E. Weber Street Stockton, CA 95202; and 1505 S. Union Street Stockton, CA 95206.

The funding is designated for land acquisition, additional solar installations at RTD facilities, and battery storage. These activities will support RTD's current and expanding zero-emission bus fleet by reducing the costs associated with charging these vehicles, as well as ensuring the sustainability of the zero-emission bus fleet by providing a back-up energy source during utility power outages.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits:

- **Environmental:** Reduces greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful pollutants. Installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems on PV-ready structures at the Union Transfer Station (UTS) or the Downtown Transit Center (DTC)—with consideration to existing and planned DC fast chargers and battery energy storage systems (BESS) funded by PG&E at those sites, improve air quality. This abundant and renewable energy source will lessen the impact on the power grid, especially during extreme weather. The sites for the solar installations will lessen the burden of the power grids in Stockton's low-income communities.
- **Economic:** The project's energy efficiency measures maximize the effectiveness of co-located solar PV and BESS projects and will increase RTD's ability to sustain current battery-electric (BEV) and future hydrogen fuel cell-electric (FCEV) buses and infrastructure.

- Supports goals of Surface Transportation Reauthorization:
 - 1) Provides the investments needed to address the growing backlog of transit maintenance needs, making public transit safer and more reliable.
 - 2) Support the construction and operation of alternative fueling infrastructure (electric, hydrogen, and natural gas) along designated alternative fuel corridors.
 - 3) Increases investment in zero-emission buses to reduce carbon pollution.
 - 4) Invests in electric grid modernization to accommodate more renewable energy and make the grid more secure, resilient and efficient.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jerry McNerney", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jerry McNerney
Member of Congress