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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 \$3,905,000 for the **Vasco Road Safety Improvements Project (Phase II)** in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is **Contra Costa County Public Works** and the project is located at Vasco Road, Byron, CA, 94512.

The funding is designated for Phase II of the Vasco Road Safety Project, which will improve road safety by providing road shoulders, concrete median barrier, and installing guardrails along a portion of this principal rural arterial. These safety improvements are expected to significantly reduce cross median head-on collisions and provide more area for vehicle recovery. Over the last two decades, there have been hundreds of collisions on Vasco Road, of which at least 10 were fatal and almost 300 involved serious injuries. The County has already seen reduced collisions on Vasco Road since Phase I was completed in 2012. Research by the Federal Highway Administration shows that 8% of fatalities on divided highways are a result of head-on collisions. Installation of medians have been determined to reduce cross-median crashes by 97%.

This project also includes the installation of wildlife crossings and animal safety mitigation features, which aid in reserving migratory corridors and making roadways safer.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: improve road safety for motorists and wildlife; provide improved regional connectivity between Eastern Contra Costa and the Tri-Valley Areas; and promote economic development.

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

Sincerely,

Jerry McNerney  
Member of Congress