

Office of Congresswoman Jackie Speier (CA-12)  
Member-Designated High Priority Project (HPP) Questionnaire  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Friday, May 1, 2009 @ 9:00 p.m. (P.D.T.)**

Please submit this form along with any additional material to Cookab Hashemi, chief of staff via email at [Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov](mailto:Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov) or fax, 202/226-4183. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Cookab Hashemi at 202/225-3531.

**The questionnaire must be filled out in its entirety.** In addition, it must be accompanied by at least one letter of support from a state, regional, or local government official specifically supporting the project request. This letter should discuss the merits of the project; specify the process to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the project; and identify the other sources of Federal, state or private funding that will be used to complete this project or project phase.

The letter must contain an explicit statement of support for the project. In addition, if you are requesting less than 80 percent of the total estimated cost of the specific segment or activity, the letter must identify other specifically designated Federal, state, local or private funding sources that, combined with the Member request, equal at least 80 percent of the total estimated cost. Please use **BOLDFACE FONT** to highlight these statements in the letter.

All questionnaires and accompanying documents will be posted on the Congresswoman's website as required by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Lastly, all project requests will be evaluated before the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District's Citizens Oversight Panel. Appointments to appear before the panel must be made through Cookab Hashemi, chief of staff, at 202/225-3531 or [Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov](mailto:Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov). **The Citizens Oversight Panel meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2009.**

1. **Project Title:** San Mateo County Smart Corridors
2. **Organization (project sponsor) Name and Address:** *(if state or local entity, please identify specific department requesting funding)*

City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG)  
555 County Center, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Redwood City, CA 94063

3. **Primary contact name, phone, cell and fax numbers and email address:**

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4. **Project location address (if different from the organization):**

N/A

5. **Please provide a brief description of the project. (Please describe in 250 words or less.)**

The project, located along portions of the US 101 corridor and local arterials will implement inter-jurisdictional traffic management strategies by deploying integrated Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) elements to mitigate traffic congestion.

6. **What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District? (Please describe in 250 words or less.)**

The project will implement the tools to manage traffic congestion and improve mobility on local streets and reduce delays along major corridors and freeway connectors resulting in enhanced interagency coordination and ability enhance control of traffic signal timing, optimize traffic operation and management.

7. **Are you requesting Federal funds for more than one project in this bill? If yes, please list projects in order of priority requests for your organization.**

Yes, C/CAG is submitting three (3) projects, prioritized as follows:

1. San Mateo County Smart Corridors Project (\$4,500,000)
2. Highway 101 Auxiliary Lanes: San Bruno Avenue to Harney Way Interchanges Project (\$40,000,000)
3. US 101/SR 92 Interchange Design Alternative Analysis Project (\$4,000,000)

8. **Are you requesting funds from other Members of Congress? If yes, which Members?**

Yes, C/CAG also submitted a request to Congresswoman Anna Eshoo (D-14) for the San Mateo County Smart Corridors Project - \$4,500,000.

9. Please select which type of eligible project under Title 23 (Highways) or Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit) of the U.S. Code is the project request? Please select from the options below.

▪ **FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY**

- Highway/road, bridge, tunnel, bicycle/pedestrian project, intelligent transportation system project, ferry boats or ferry boats facilities, intermodal freight facility or other.

- Intelligent Transportation System Project ✓

- For each type of project, please note if it is located on a Federal-aid highway, located on the National Highway System, and located on the Interstate System.

Portions of the project are located on the Federal-aid highways. The project is not located on the National Highway System (NHS) but has resultant effects on NHS routes I-380, I-280, SR 92, and SR 84. The project includes portions of I-380.

- **PUBLIC TRANSIT** (Public transit refers to transportation services provided to the general public via a variety of vehicle modes, including buses, subways, light rail, commuter rail, monorail, passenger ferry boats, transit van pools, streetcars, inclined railways, and paratransit vehicles. Public transit does not include school bus or charter bus services, nor intercity passenger rail (such as Amtrak), high-speed rail, or private rail operations. For these types of rail projects, please proceed to the Rail section of the form.)

- Passenger Vehicles
- Transit Bus or Van
- Transit Rail Car or Locomotive, including Streetcars
- Transit Ferry
- Transit Facilities
- Vehicle Maintenance or Administration Facility
- Passenger Facility, including Intermodal Facilities, stations, and terminals
- Transit Rights-of-Way
- Property Acquisition
- Corridor Development
- Rail Track Construction or Maintenance
- Bus-only Lane Construction or Maintenance
- Transit Equipment
- Vehicle-related Equipment

- System-related Equipment
      - New Start Project (A New Start project is a major new fixed guideway capital project seeking more than \$75 million in Federal funds.)
      - Small Start Project (A Small Start project is a new fixed guideway capital project seeking less than \$75 million in Federal funds and with a total estimated net capital cost of less than \$250 million.)
- **RAIL**
  - Intercity Passenger Rail (Intercity rail passenger transportation means rail passenger transportation, except commuter rail passenger transportation. Commuter rail passenger transportation means short-haul rail passenger transportation in metropolitan and suburban areas usually having reduced fare, multiple-ride, and commuter tickets and morning and evening peak period operations. Intercity rail passenger transportation projects are not commuter rail projects. Funds for commuter rail projects should be requested under public transit, not under intercity passenger rail.)
  - Located within a corridor previously designated by the Secretary of Transportation pursuant to section 104(d)(2) of Title 23, United States Code, or the Northeast Corridor?
    - Freight Rail
      - Class I Freight Rail
      - Class II or Class III Freight Rail
- **RESEARCH**
  - University Transportation Center
  - Other

10. Did the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, or State Department of Transportation,<sup>1</sup> or public transit agency confirm that the project is eligible under Title 23 (Highways) or Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit) of the United States Code?

- Which entity confirmed the project eligibility?
  - Federal Highway Administration ✓                      Contact (Name, Position, Phone)  
  
Frank Cechini, Statewide ITS Manager, 916-498-5005
  - Federal Transit Administration                              Contact (Name, Position, Phone)

- State Department of Transportation                      Contact (Name, Position, Phone)
- Public Transit Agency    Contact (Name, Position, Phone)
  
- According to the entity, is the project eligible under Title 23, Title 49, or both Titles 23 and title 49?
  - Title 23 (Highways) ✓
  - Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit)
  - Both Title 23 and Chapter 53 of Title 49

11. **Please identify the state, regional, or local government entity that is an eligible recipient of the funds. Please include name and address.** (For example, a State Department of Transportation, public transit agency, Metropolitan Planning Organization, local government or Federally-recognized tribe.)

Local Government – Congestion Management Agency (CMA) for San Mateo County of San Mateo

City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG)  
 555 County Center, 5<sup>th</sup> Flr  
 Redwood City, CA 94063

12. **Please identify and describe the specific segment or activity for which project funding is requested.** (The request must finance at least 80 percent of the total estimated cost of the specific segment or activity by either 1.) the amount requested; or 2.) the amount requested in addition to other specifically designated Federal, state, local or private funding sources.)

**Project description:** (Include the specific terminus points of the project or activity, as appropriate.)

**Project activities:** (You may select more than one.)

- Construct ✓
- Plan
- Design
- Engineer ✓
- Conduct
- Environmental Review
- Acquire right-of-the-way
- Conduct alternatives analysis
- Research
- Develop

- Demonstrate
- Deploy ✓
- Reconstruct
- Rehabilitate
- Replace
- Retrofit
- Install
- Mitigate
- Implement ✓
- Realign

What is the total estimated cost? (Please write out in numeral form, e.g. \$2,000,000, not \$2 million)

\$30,000,000

What amount is being requested? (Please write out in numeral form.)

\$4,500,000

What percentage of the total estimated cost is the request for Federal funding? (If the percentage is less than 80%, please identify other specifically designated Federal, state, local or private funding that when combined with this request equal at least 80 percent.)

Requesting 15% of the total estimated cost.

Please identify the source and amount of funding.

Funding already secured for this project is as follows:

- \$10,000,000 (State Transportation Infrastructure Bond)
- \$10,000,000 (State STIP)
- \$4,500,000 (Local)

**13. If you are requesting funding for a specific segment or activity, please describe the overall project of which this segment/activity is a part.**

N/A

- Project description (please limit your response to 3-4 sentences.)
- Total estimated cost

**14. Is the project included in the State's Long-Range Transportation Plan?**

Unknown

- Please provide the date of approval of the most recent version of the plan and the title of the plan.
  - *Date of approval (MM/YYYY)*
  - *Title of the plan*

**15. Is the project included in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and/or State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)?**

Yes

- Please provide the date of approval of the most recent version of the program(s), and the title of the program(s).
  - Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
    - *Date of approval (MM/YYYY)*
    - *Title of the Program*

California 2009 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program – November 2008

- State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
  - *Date of approval (MM/YYYY)*
  - *Title of the Program*

2008 California State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) – May 2008

**16. If the project is an intercity passenger rail project, is it included in the State Rail Plan?**

- Please provide the date on which the Governor approved the most recent version of the plan, and the title of the plan.
  - *Date of approval (MM/YYYY)*
  - *Title of the plan*

**17. Please describe the current status of the project and the expected schedule for its completion.**

- *Current status of project*
  - Federal-aid Highway projects:
    - In Planning
    - In Environmental Review ✓
    - In Final Design
    - In Right-of-Way Acquisition
    - Under Construction

Project is in Environmental Review. Expected completion date is September 2009.

- Public Transit projects:
    - In Planning
    - In Alternatives Analysis
    - In Preliminary Engineering
    - In Final Design
    - Under Construction or Procurement
  - Rail projects:
    - In Planning
    - In Environmental Review
    - In Preliminary Engineering
    - In Design
    - Under Construction
  - Research:
    - Under Research
    - Under Development
    - Under Demonstration
    - Under Deployment
- **What is the expected date of completion of the project for which you are requesting funding?** (*Between fiscal years 2010 through 2020*)

April 1, 2012

18. **Does the project have regional or national significance?** (A project of regional and national significance is typically a high-cost transportation infrastructure facility that often includes multiple levels of government, agencies, modes of transportation, and transportation goals and planning processes that are not easily addressed or funded within existing surface transportation program categories. These projects have national and/or regional benefits, including improving economic productivity by facilitating international trade, relieving congestion, and improving transportation safety by facilitating passenger and freight movement.)

- *Please describe the regional or national significance of the project. Please limit your response to 3-4 sentences.*

The overall project traverses through 10 cities in San Mateo County as well as state highways and provides regional significance. The deployment and implementation of ITS elements enables inter-jurisdictional traffic management capabilities, improves coordination between local cities and Caltrans traffic managers proactive traffic management and operations.

**19. Describe the safety, economic development, mobility, and environmental benefits associated with completion of the project.**

▪ *Safety Benefits*

- Please describe the safety benefits. Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences.

The project improves cross-jurisdictional communication and provides the ability to share traffic information between Caltrans and local agencies to improve coordination and management activities.

▪ *Economic Development Benefits*

- Please describe the economic development benefits. Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences.

The project will result in economic development benefits by reducing congestion, reducing travel time delay for travelers, commuters, and freight movements.

▪ *Mobility Benefits*

- Please describe the mobility benefits. Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences.

The project enables collection and dissemination of arterial travel time and traffic that provides the ability to implement traffic responsive and time-of-day signal timing to improve traffic signal coordination and reduce delays.

▪ *Environmental Benefits*

- Please describe the environmental benefits. Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences.

The project will reduce travel time and vehicle idling resulting in reduced vehicle emissions.

**20. Has the project previously received any Federal funding? If so, please list the Source, Amount of Funding and Amount Obligated. (Please see categories below.)**

- *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) (P.L.109-59)*

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|---------------------|------------------|
| ▪ Section           | Project Number   |
| ▪ Amount of Funding | Amount Obligated |

\$367,000 in SAFETEA-LU funds was sub-allocated from the San Francisco Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

Project No: CML-6419(007)



The San Mateo County Smart Corridors project includes ITS improvements along arterials and connector streets adjacent to the US 101 corridor from South San Francisco to Menlo Park to mitigate traffic congestion by improving traffic operations.

Please include any additional information that should be consider with the project request.

**Please return this form and at least one local or state letter or support no later than Friday, May 1, 2009 via email or fax to:  
Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov or 202/226-4183 (fax).**



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May 1, 2009

The Honorable Anna G. Eshoo  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jackie Speier  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: San Mateo County Smart Corridors Project – High Priority Program  
Request \$4.5 Million

Dear Representatives Eshoo and Speier,

**The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the metropolitan planning organization for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area, supports the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County's (C/CAG) request for \$4.5 million for the San Mateo County Smart Corridors project as a High Priority Project for the 2009 Transportation Reauthorization.**

The San Mateo County Smart Corridors project is located along portions of the U.S. 101 corridor including State Route 82 (El Camino Real) and local arterial streets. The project will implement inter-jurisdictional traffic management strategies by deploying integrated Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) elements and provide local jurisdictions the tools to mitigate recurring/non-recurring traffic congestion, improve traffic operations and optimize existing roadway facilities.

**The amount requested equals 15 percent of the total estimated project cost. The project is currently funded as follows: \$10 million – State Transportation Infrastructure Bond; \$10 million – State STIP; and \$4.5 million – local funds.** This project is included in the long-range regional transportation plan for the San Francisco Bay Area.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If MTC can provide any further assistance, please contact Randy Rentschler, our Legislation and Public Affairs Director, at (510) 817-5780, or Tom Bulger, our Washington representative, at (202) 775-0079.

Sincerely,

Therese McMillan  
Deputy Executive Director