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February 27, 2009

Honorable Congresswoman Jackie Speier  
400 S. El Camino Real, Suite 410  
San Mateo, CA 94402

Subject: Federal Funding Assistance for US Highway 101/Broadway Interchange Project

Dear Congresswoman Speier:

The Broadway Interchange is Burlingame's only direct access to U.S. Highway 101 and is the oldest interchange on the San Francisco peninsula. The current interchange configuration is antiquated and its various loop ramps are considered substandard for design and capacity. The existing layout of the interchange presents serious safety concerns and traffic congestion as well as circulation problems. Presently, westbound vehicles continually back up over the interchange causing significant congestion both at the freeway ramps, as well as at the busy five-legged intersection of Broadway/US 101 Ramps/Rollins Road.

The City has been working with the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) and Caltrans for the last decade to develop the project and get it ready for construction. The Project Study Report (PSR) was completed in October 2005 and the work is now being focused on the Environmental Impact Report. The estimated total project cost is \$73,000,000 of which half of the cost (\$40,000,000) will be paid for by SMCTA using Measure A sales tax and the City has to come up with the remaining \$33,000,000 to fully fund this project. The City is working to secure \$8,000,000 by approving a Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) and is requesting \$25,000,000 in federal assistance.

The City is facing a daunting challenge to fund several infrastructure needs such as aging storm drain systems, sidewalks, bridges, roads and City facilities. The City is barely able to finance the operational needs of the City to provide basic services to our citizens and do not have funds available to finance the growing list of infrastructure projects including the Broadway Interchange. Without Federal funding, the Broadway Interchange project is in serious jeopardy of being delayed indefinitely and may risk losing Measure A funds.

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As Mayor of the City of Burlingame, and on behalf of the citizens of Burlingame, I call on your assistance and support in obtaining federal funds to make this vital project a reality. We greatly appreciate your favorable consideration of this request, and thank you for your past support and assistance to the City of Burlingame.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Keighran".

Ann Keighran  
Mayor, City of Burlingame

Attachment: Tentative Funding Plan, Proposed Interchange Design layout

c: City Council  
Jim Nantell, City Manager  
Syed Murtuza, Public Works Director

## FY2010 Appropriations Request Form

Office of Congresswoman Jackie Speier 211 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515  
Phone: 202/225-3531 Fax: 202/226-4183 Website: [www.speier.house.gov](http://www.speier.house.gov)

All 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 panel will convene on the following days; Saturday, March 7, Friday, March 13 and Friday, March 20, 2009. All proposals must be submitted by March 2, 2009.

**Date Submitted:** March 2, 2009

**Project Name:** U.S. HIGHWAY 101/BROADWAY INTERCHANGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

**Individual/Organization:** *(Is the grantee located in the 12th Congressional District?)*  
The City of Burlingame is located in the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

**Amount Requested** *(if requesting report language, please attach.):* \$25,000,000

**Appropriations Bill/Account/Relevant Authorization law/bill/status** *(e.g., "Public Law 107111"; "FY2008 DOD Authorization", "Currently pursuing authorization through Agriculture Committee", "Safe Drinking Water Act" or "Hatch Act"):* Not applicable

**Local Contact** *(Please provide full contact information, including any relevant phone extensions, and indicate if there is a separate D.C. contact.):*

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**Organization's Main Activities.** *(Please limit your response to 250 words and indicate whether it is a public, private, non-profit or private for-profit entity.)*

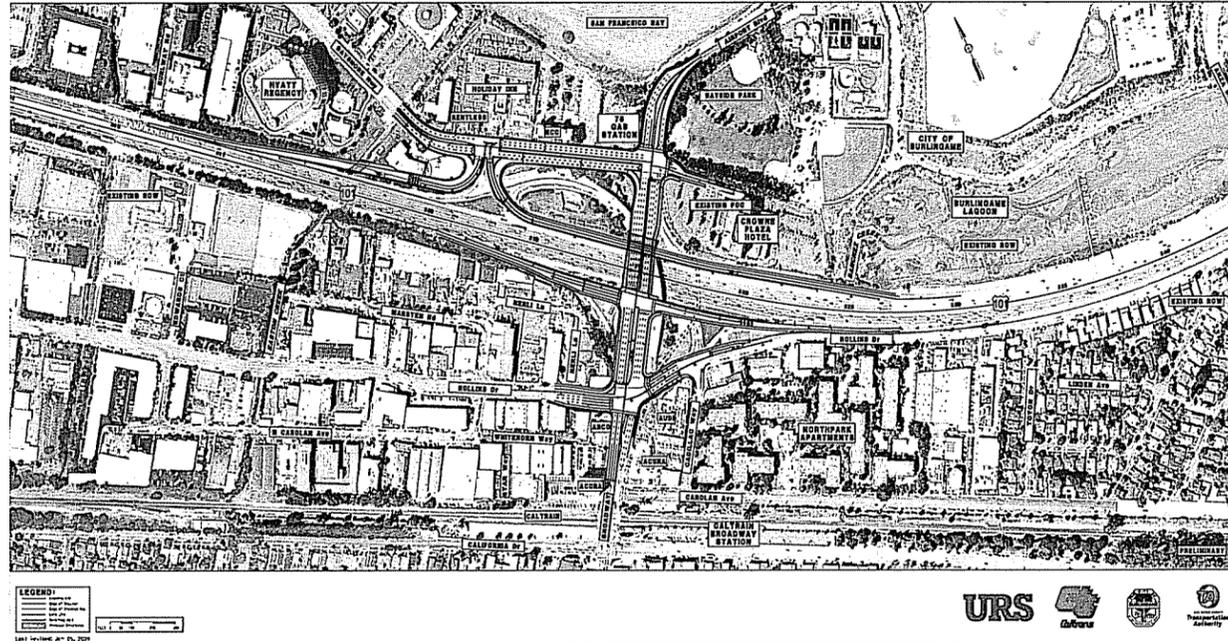
The City of Burlingame, California is a public entity of approximately 28,000 residents in San Mateo County, in the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. The City is located on the San Francisco Peninsula about half way between San Francisco and San Jose, and one mile south of San Francisco International Airport.

The Broadway Interchange is Burlingame's primary access to U.S. highway 101, the main artery on the peninsula connecting north and south. This interchange is the only connection to the industrial area, hotels along the Bayfront, and our community's major retail area. In addition it serves as the main link for residents commuting along the Peninsula. There are approximately 233,000 vehicles per day at this interchange with peak hour volumes reaching 15,700 vehicles. The current level of service for traffic movements in the area causes many delays and back ups onto the freeway and local streets, causing congestion and traffic safety issues.

Please show main items in the project and total cost in a simplified chart form. (Please include the amount of any Federal/State/Local/Private funds, including any in-kind resources.):

**US HIGHWAY 101 / BROADWAY INTERCHANGE PROJECT**

**US-101/ BROADWAY INTERCHANGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**



The proposed project will include the following elements:

- Replacement of the Broadway Overcrossing with a wider structure
- Reconfiguration of all ramp connections to US101 in the northbound and southbound directions
- Installation of ramp meters on the northbound and southbound on-ramps to US101
- New retaining walls to minimize right of way impact
- Removal of existing Pedestrian Overcrossing
- Relocation of three PG&E high voltage towers
- Reconfiguration of Rollins Road and Broadway intersection
- Installation of new traffic signals

**TENTATIVE FUNDING PLAN**

**Total Project Estimate:**

	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Fed/State/local</b>	<b>Measure A</b>
Environmental	\$ 3 million		\$ 3 million
Design	\$ 6 million	\$ 1 million	\$ 5 million
Right of Way & Utilities	\$ 9 million	\$ 4.5 million	\$4.5 million
Construction	\$46 million	\$ 23 million	\$ 23 million
Construction Management	\$ 9 million	\$ 4.5 million	\$4.5 million
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$73 million</b>	<b>\$ 33 million</b>	<b>\$40 million</b>

**Funding Shortfall:**

Total Project Need	\$73,000,000
Measure A Transportation Sales Tax	\$40,000,000
City Local Match	\$ 8,000,000 (if approved Transient Occupancy Tax – TOT)
Total Federal Request:	\$ 25,000,000

Notes:

City funding match could come from Federal, State, City or private development.  
 SMCTA funding is from 1988 Measure A sales tax with reauthorization in 2004 for another 25 years.  
 SMCTA provides funding match of maximum 50% of construction costs.

**Project Description, including a timeline, goals, expected outcomes and specific uses of Federal Funds.**

*(Your response must focus on the requested funds rather than the organization's mission and general activities. Please limit your response to 250 – 500 words.)*

The much needed project to reconstruct the 101/Broadway Interchange is currently in the environmental phase of work. The project includes the replacement of the Broadway Overcrossing along with the reconfiguration of all the ramps.

**Project Time Line**

Environmental	10/08-8/10
Design	8/10-7/13
Construction	13/13-12/15

The City has been working with the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) and Caltrans over the last decade to develop the project and get it ready for construction. The project will provide congestion reduction and safety improvements. The estimated total project cost is \$73,000,000 of which half of the cost (\$40,000,000) is expected to be paid for by SMCTA using Measure A sales tax monies and the City is working to secure a local match of \$8,000,000 and needs federal assistance in the amount of \$25,000,000

**How will this earmark serve to expand the capacity of your organization and how will your organization sustain this work beyond the federal funding?** *(Your response must focus on the impact of the requested funds rather than the organization's long-term goals.)*

This project will ensure transportation needs into the future for the City of Burlingame. It is listed as the one of the top priorities for San Mateo County in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission 2035 Transportation Plan for the future. Broadway Interchange is one of the oldest interchange in San Mateo County and has been on the priority list for the last twenty five years for reconstruction. Without these funds, there is no revenue mechanism available for the City to construct this high priority project given the demand on the City to other basic services to our community. With these funds the project will proceed expeditiously to complete the engineering design and begin construction.

**What is the local significance of this project?**

This project is critical to the safety and well being of the community, county and state. As the only access to the freeway, traffic congestion along the freeway and within the city will only increase without this project. The City is facing a daunting challenge to fund several infrastructure needs such as an aging storm drain system, sidewalks, bridges, roads, City facilities, and the Broadway Interchange. The City

can barely finance its operational needs to provide basic services to our citizens. Without federal funding, the Broadway Interchange project is in serious jeopardy of being delayed indefinitely and may risk losing the Measure A matching fund from the SMCTA. The City needs federal assistance and support to make this vital project a reality.

**How many residents of the 12<sup>th</sup> CD will benefit from this project?** *(i.e. jobs created, services rendered to, how many people, etc.)* All the congressional district residents of Burlingame and adjoining communities including Hillsborough, Burlingame Hills, San Mateo County, Millbrae and City of San Mateo will benefit from this project. In addition approximately 233,000 drivers at the interchange will now have a safe and less congested route along the freeway. Local jobs will be created during construction of the freeway. Improved access will likely spur business development in the surrounding area that has been limited because of deficient access to and from the 101 corridor.

**List any other organizations or state/local elected officials who have expressed support for the project in writing.** *(Please submit copies of support letters along with the proposal.) Does the organization have any other funding requests for this project? (Federal, State, Local or private pending?)*

State, county and local agencies all support this project. This includes the California Department of Transportation, District 4; San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA); City and County Association of Governments; and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. In addition 75.3% of the voters in the county supported reauthorization of Sales Tax, Measure A in 2004, the Broadway Interchange Project was included as a key project.

**Has the organization previously received Federal funds for this project?** *(Please list any funds received by fiscal year] and briefly describe how those funds were spent.)*

No, the City of Burlingame has not received any federal funds for this project.

**Please attach a list of your organization's staff and board members** *(if any).*

Many City Councils have endorsed this project over the past ten years. With funding the current City Council looks forward to the completion of the improvements.

Ann Keighran – Mayor  
Cathy Baylock – Vice Mayor  
Rosalie O'Mahony  
Terry Nagel  
Jerry Deal

Jim Nantell – City Manager  
Syed Murtuza – Public Works Director

**Please attach any additional relevant materials.**

Project Site Plans Layout and Aerial photograph of the project site.



San Francisco Bay

Broadway Interchange

U.S. 101

Broadway Interchange  
at U.S. 101  
Burlingame, California

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