

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 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 12th 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. **The Citizens Oversight Panel meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2009.**

1. Project Title:

Upgrade to State Route 92/El Camino Real Interchange, San Mateo

2. Organization (project sponsor) Name and Address: *(if state or local entity, please identify specific department requesting funding)*

City of San Mateo
Department of Public Works
330 W. 20th Avenue
San Mateo, CA 94403

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

Susanna Chan, Deputy Director of Pubic Works
schan@cityofsanmateo.org
Phone: (650) 522-7308
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4. **Project location address (if different from the organization):**

Interchange of El Camino Real and State Route 92, located in San Mateo

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

The project area is the interchange of SR92/El Camino Real in San Mateo. This major interchange has a full clover-leaf ramp configuration. The proposed project would widen the SR 92 diagonal eastbound or westbound off-ramps to provide adequate storage lanes for traffic accessing South El Camino Real.

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 12th Congressional District? (Please describe in 250 words or less.)**

The purpose of the project is to mitigate the impacts of short weaving distances on SR 92 between the ramps to South El Camino Real. This would improve queuing capacity to minimize backups on the mainline of SR 92, which would in turn reduce congestion and the likelihood of accidents.

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.**

No.

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

No.

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.**

The project is a **Federal-Aid Highway Project** as the project is located at the intersection of two Federal-Aid Highways. Both El Camino Real and State Route 92 are Federal-Aid-Highways.

10. **Did the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, or State Department of Transportation,¹ 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?**

This project is eligible and has previously been selected for earmarked funding under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century; however funds have not been appropriated.

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.)**

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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.)

The request would finance 20% of the cost of this segment of activity; the remaining 80% would be funded by San Mateo County Measure A Funds and City of San Mateo Traffic Impact Fees. Federal funds received would be applied towards the design, and construction of this project.

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

\$13,000,000

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

\$2,600,000

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.)

20%

Please identify the source and amount of funding.

\$6,500,000 (50%) from San Mateo County Measure A Funds

\$3,900,000 (30%) from City of San Mateo Traffic Impact Fees

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.

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

The funds are requested for improvements to be made to the Interchange of El Camino Real and SR92, which is a component of a larger project, improvements on SR 92 extending between US101 and I-280. SR92 between SR101 and I-280 is congested during peak commute times and existing short weaving sections do not meet current design standards.

Overall project cost is estimated at \$239,531,000

This project = \$13,000,000

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

- Please provide the date of approval of the most recent version of the plan and the title of the plan.

This project is included in the current Regional Transportation Plan

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

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

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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.

This is not an intercity passenger rail project.

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

This project is still in the planning phase. A Project Study Report was prepared for the overall project. This segment has not progressed to the Environmental Review or Design phases, as funding alternatives have not been identified.

- **What is the expected date of completion of the project for which you are requesting funding?** (*Between fiscal years 2010 through 2020*)

Once full funding is secured, a Project Report will be prepared. Final design will commence upon adoption of the Project Report and certification of the associated Environmental Document. Current estimates for completion of construction is FY2013-2014.

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.*

This high cost project is of significance to the entire region, as it will contribute to the reduction of congestion and improve safety on one of the major east-west connections between the two most heavily traveled freeways on the San Mateo Peninsula (US101 and I-280). Coordination of these improvements will involve among multiple levels of government including the City of San Mateo, The State of California Department of Transportation, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission among others.

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. By modifying the short weaving distances, this project will minimize backups onto the mainline of SR92 by improving queuing capacity. This will reduce the likelihood of accidents.

- *Economic Development Benefits*

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

This project will improved access into established areas approved for Transit Oriented Development (TOD).

- *Mobility Benefits*

- Please describe the mobility benefits. Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences. This project will enhance pedestrian mobility by improving wheelchair ramps at the bottom of the off-ramp, and will provide improved visibility at for pedestrians on El Camino Real at the crosswalk of the 92 interchange.

- *Environmental Benefits*

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

By enhancing queuing capacity, this project will improve traffic flow and reduce idling on the mainline of SR 92. This reduced congestion will yield benefits to the environment by way of reduced emissions and improved safety.

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.)**

This project was selected for Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century earmarked funding in the amount of \$2,600,000; however, funds were never received.

Demo ID: 100

District 4

Obligational Authority: \$2,603,425

Amount Obligated: \$0

21. **Has the project received any prior funding from a State, local, or private source?**

The project is eligible for Measure A sales tax funds and City of San Mateo Traffic Impact Fees. A project study report has been approved by Caltrans.

22. **Please provide the proposed legislative text (in no more than 250 characters) of the project as you would like it to appear in the bill. (Please note that project line items carry the force of law, and can only be amended through subsequent public laws. If Congressional intent (as established through answers listed on this form, or in letters to the Committee) is different from the legislative text, the entity administering the project is required to adhere to the statutory language.)**

Upgrade to SR92/EI Camino Interchange, San Mateo

23. **Please include any additional information that should be considered 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 14, 2009

12th Congressional District Citizens Oversight Panel
c/o Office of Congresswoman Jackie Speier
400 S. El Camino Real, Suite 410
San Mateo, CA 94402

Re: *Transportation and Infrastructure Funding for SR92/El Camino Real Interchange Project*

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express our support of this project and of City of San Mateo's application for Federal earmarked funds. This project is significant in that it will contribute to reduced congestion and improved safety on State Route 92, one of the major east-west connections between two heavily traveled freeways on the Peninsula.

Improving the SR92/El Camino interchange is one component of a larger project designed to address inadequacies along State Route 92 extending between US101 and I-280. This portion of SR92 is congested during peak commute times and existing short weaving sections do not meet current design standards.

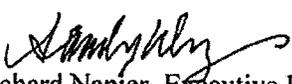
The City of San Mateo's SR 92/El Camino Interchange Project represents a smaller piece of this larger project, and has been identified as a priority due to the impact it will have on traffic reduction. The project will increase queuing capacity and minimize backups on the mainline of SR92. This in turn will improve safety by reducing the likelihood of accidents.

The cost for this segment of the project is estimated at \$13,000,000. Approximately 50% of funds (\$6,500,000) is being requested from San Mateo County's Measure A half-cent sales tax. In addition, approximately 30% (\$3,900,000) is being requested from the City of San Mateo's Traffic Impact Fees. The City is requesting Federal Funding in the amount of \$2,600,000 for this project, or 20% of the total.

There will be opportunities for public participation in this project at public hearings which will be required as a part of the environmental review process. These hearings will be noticed and will allow time for public comment.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for this project.

Sincerely,

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Richard Napier, Executive Director
City/County Association of Governments