

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:** Highway 101 Auxiliary Lanes from San Bruno Avenue to the Harney Way Interchanges
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 Mate County (C/CAG)
555 County Center, 5th Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063

San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA)
1250 San Carlos Ave.
San Carlos, CA 94070-1306

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 Highway 101 Auxiliary Lanes project between San Bruno Avenue and the Harney Way Interchanges (at Candlestick Park) will construct auxiliary lanes in the northbound and southbound directions to reduce traffic congestion and provide safety improvements on Highway 101. The project contributes to the overall traffic improvement strategy on Highway 101 within San Mateo County.

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 project is one phase of a larger countywide project to extend auxiliary lanes from county line to county line. The addition of auxiliary lanes reduces freeway congestion by providing merging area for cars entering and exiting the freeway. The project, which is part of a countywide multi-phase auxiliary lane project, benefits the heavily used Highway 101 corridor by mitigating weaving traffic entering and exiting the freeway between the interchanges on the outside lanes.

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?

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.

▪ **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.

- Highway/road

- 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.

The project is located on Highway 101 (US 101), which is part of the Federal Highway System.

- **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,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?

- Which entity confirmed the project eligibility?
 - Federal Highway Administration ✓ Contact (Name, Position, Phone)
 - 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.)

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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.)

Construct Auxiliary lanes in the northbound and southbound directions between San Bruno Avenue and the Harney Way interchange, just south of the San Francisco/San Mateo County line.

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)

\$50,000,000

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

\$40,000,000

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 80% of the total estimated cost.

Please identify the source and amount of funding.

N/A

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?

The project was included in the Caltrans Transportation Corridor Concept Report (TCCR), which is Caltrans' initial planning document for the scoping of transportation improvement projects on the State Highway System.

- 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*

Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Regional Transportation Plan – 2009

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

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 Study Report was completed in 2002

- 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*)

If funding is secured in FY 2010, the project can be designed and constructed within five years with an expected project completion date within FY 2015.

- 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 Highway 101 segment within San Mateo County has major regional and statewide significances in serving both local traffic and regional traffic connecting San Francisco Bay and the northern counties with Silicon Valley and the southern part of the Bay Area region. The project segment is part of the primary route used in the movement of freight, travelers, and employees to and from the San Francisco International Airport.

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 new auxiliary lanes will improve traffic flow and alleviate traffic congestion resulting in reduced congestion-related collisions in the outside lanes by providing extra storage for queuing vehicles.

- *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 reduces freeway congestion by providing a merging area for cars entering and exiting the freeway. Local drivers can use the freeway for short trips to neighboring communities without having to merge into fast-moving traffic.

- *Environmental Benefits*

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

The project will reduce travel time and vehicle idling due to traffic congestion resulting in reduced vehicle emissions.

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.)

The Highway 101 Auxiliary Lanes project between San Bruno Avenue and the Harney Way Interchanges will construct auxiliary lanes to reduce traffic congestion and provide safety improvements on Highway 101.

23. 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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The Honorable Jackie Speier
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Highway 101 Auxiliary Lanes: San Bruno Avenue to the Harney Way Interchanges
Project – High Priority Project Request \$40 Million

Dear Representative 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) and San Mateo County Transportation Authority's (SMCTA) joint request for \$40 million for the Highway 101 Auxiliary Lanes: San Bruno Avenue to the Harney Way Interchanges Project as a High Priority Project (HPP) for the 2009 Transportation Reauthorization.

The Highway 101 Auxiliary Lanes project between San Bruno Avenue and the Harney Way interchanges project will construct auxiliary lanes and provide safety improvements on Highway 101. The addition of auxiliary lanes reduces freeway congestion by providing merging area for cars entering and exiting the freeway. The project is one phase of a larger countywide project to extend auxiliary lanes from county line to county line. This project is consistent with the long-range regional transportation plan for the 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,

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Deputy Executive Director

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