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Ms. Cookab Hashemi
211 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-512

**RE: Federal Funding Assistance for Manor Drive Overcrossing and
Milagra On-Ramp**

Dear Ms. Hashemi,

Please find enclosed the City of Pacifica's Member-Designated High Priority Project (HPP) Questionnaire and letter of support from the City of Pacifica for the Manor Drive Overcrossing and Milagra On-Ramp Project. We hope that everything is in order. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (650) 738-3769.

Sincerely,

David E. Rogers, P.E.
Associate Civil Engineer
City of Pacifica

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: Manor Drive Overcrossing and Milagra On Ramp Project
2. Organization (project sponsor) Name and Address: City of Pacifica, 170 Santa Maria Avenue, Pacifica, California
3. Primary contact name, phone, cell and fax numbers and email address: Van Ocampo, Work No. (650) 738-3770; Cell No. (650) 438-2983; Fax No. (650) 738-3003; Email Address ocampov@ci.pacifica.ca.us
4. Project location address: Manor Drive and Milagra Drive along Highway 1, City of Pacifica, California
5. Please provide a brief description of the project. The Manor Drive Overcrossing and Milagra On Ramp Project will widen the existing overcrossing along Manor Drive over Highway 1 and construct a new northbound Highway 1 on-ramp at Milagra Drive. The project will include the signalization of the Manor Drive/Palmetto Avenue intersection as well as the Manor Drive/Oceana Boulevard intersections, which borders the overcrossing to the west and east, respectively. This project will also include the construction of a new on ramp for northbound Highway 1 at Milagra Drive, utilizing an existing Bus Stop ramp that is no longer in use.
6. What is the purpose of the project? The purpose of the project are as follows:
 - a) Better facilitate traffic through the overcrossing and onto Highway 1
 - b) Alleviate traffic congestion leading to the Highway 1 northbound on-ramp and traffic from the overcrossing backing onto off ramp Highway 1.
 - c) Provide a safer turning radii for Sam Trans buses and trucks
 - d) Provide a safer sidewalk for pedestrian and bicyclists crossing the highway thus, encouraging a more healthy lifestyle.
 - e) Reduce air pollution and conserve gas/fuel
 - f) Provide an alternate route of getting onto northbound Highway 1
 - g) Bring the Manor Drive Overcrossing to current structural standard for seismic resistance.

Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? This is a valuable use of taxpayers funds for it will alleviate congestion that waste a lot of our tax payers time and money. It will eliminate the hazard brought about by the tight turning radii at the intersections, which often results into accidents. It

will create new and sustained jobs that will stimulate the economy. It will protect the environment from excess vehicle emissions. How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in the 12th Congressional District? This project will create thousands of jobs during the design and construction phases, from design engineers to construction workers and product manufacturing sector. It will also promote tourism that will also create and sustain thousands of jobs as well as help boost local and regional economy.

7. Are you requesting Federal funds for more than one project in this bill? **NO** If yes, please list projects in order of priority requests for your organization.
8. Are you requesting funds from other Members of Congress? **NO** If yes, which Members?
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.
 - The Manor Drive Overcrossing is located with the Federal aid 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? Not yet. However, this project is over Highway 1 and is eligible under Title 23.

- **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. City of Pacifica, 170 Santa Maria Avenue, Pacifica, California, 94044

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.)

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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? [\\$14,000,000.00](#)

What amount is being requested? [\\$12,000,000.00](#)

What percentage of the total estimated cost is the request for Federal funding? [86%](#)

Please identify the source and amount of funding. [The remaining 14% is Local Funds](#)

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: The funds being requested will undertake all phases of the project from the environmental phase through completion of construction.](#)
- [The total estimated cost of \\$14,000,000 will cover from the environmental phase through completion of construction](#)

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. [NO](#)
 - *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)?**
Not yet.

- 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*

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 Complete
 - In Environmental Review February 2010
 - In Final Design January 2011
 - In Right-of-Way Acquisition None Required None Required
 - Under Construction April 2011
 - 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?** October 2012

18. **Does the project have regional or national significance?** Highway 1 provides the only coastal route through out the 12th District. It is a structure that is over 50 years old and needs to be updated to meet the current structural standards and more importantly the transportation needs of the region. *The Manor Drive Overcrossing and Milagra On-Ramp Project will better facilitate traffic through the overcrossing and onto Highway 1; alleviate traffic congestion leading to the Highway 1 northbound on-ramp and traffic from the overcrossing backing onto off ramp Highway 1; provide a safer turning radii for Sam Trans buses and trucks; provide a safer sidewalk for pedestrian and bicyclists crossing the highway thus, encouraging a more healthy lifestyle; rReduce air pollution and conserve gas/fuel; provide an alternate route of getting onto northbound Highway 1; and bring the Manor Drive Overcrossing to current structural standard for seismic resistance.*

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.
- *Economic Development Benefits*
 - Please describe the economic development benefits. Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences.
- *Mobility Benefits*
 - Please describe the mobility benefits. Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences.
- *Environmental Benefits*
 - Please describe the environmental benefits. Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences.

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.)** No.

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).

Attachment 1

Support Letter



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April 29, 2009

The Honorable Congresswoman Jackie Speier
400 South El Camino Real, Suite 410
San Mateo, CA 94402

Subject: Federal Funding Assistance for Manor Drive Overcrossing and
Milagra On-Ramp Project

Dear Congresswoman Speier:

The existing Manor Drive Overcrossing along State Route Highway 1, in Pacifica, is antiquated and is currently considered to be substandard both in design and capacity. Built by Caltrans in the late 1950's, the existing layout of the overcrossing causes extreme traffic congestion and back-up during morning and evening peak hour traffic. It presents serious safety concerns for motorists and pedestrians due to its extremely tight turning radii at the intersections that forces buses and trucks to encroach onto the opposing traffic.

The Manor Drive Overcrossing and Milagra On-Ramp project will widen the existing overcrossing and construct a new on-ramp at Milagra Drive and Highway 1. It will signalize both intersections which border the overcrossing to better facilitate traffic through the overcrossing and onto State Route Highway 1. This project will construct safer sidewalks for the pedestrians and bicyclists using the overcrossing, which will encourage people to walk or bike to their destinations, thus creating a healthier lifestyle. The turning radii at the intersections will also be increased to allow for the safe turning of buses and trucks. It is also this project's goal to protect the environment by reducing, if not totally eliminating, traffic congestion resulting in fuel conservation and reduction in air pollution.

Public input is very important and is always welcome. Various opportunities to comment on this project will be provided during the Environmental Phase. Comments may also be received during the adoption of the City's Capital Improvement Program.

The estimated total project cost is \$14,000,000 of which Pacifica would like to request \$12,000,000 or 86% in High Priority Project (HPP) funding, the remaining \$2,000,000 or 14% will be funded by local funds.

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As Mayor of Pacifica and on behalf of my fellow Councilmember, we strongly support the Manor Drive Overcrossing and Milagra On-Ramp Project and ask for your assistance and support in obtaining the necessary federal HPP funding, 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 Pacifica.

Sincerely,



Julie Lancelle
Mayor
City of Pacifica

Cc: City Council
Stephen Rhodes, City Manager
Van Ocampo, Director of Public Works