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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rose DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Laurel Canyon Crossing & Carl Street Safety Improvements for Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Los Angeles - Council District 7, located at 200 N. Spring Street, Room 455, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

The project funding would be used to install various pedestrian improvements along Laurel Canyon Boulevard & Carl Street. This includes a new signalized crosswalk, installation of various striped crosswalks, sidewalk extensions, new sidewalks, and curb ramps in areas that are currently lacking these safety features. This project strengthens pedestrian access and reduces vehicle accidents to neighborhood-serving small businesses, local schools, and the future Metro-East San Fernando Valley Light Rail Project and station on Van Nuys Boulevard and Laurel Canyon Boulevard. .

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will increase pedestrian safety for the surrounding residents, students, disabled individuals, and those dependent on public transit in the community of Pacoima, California. This project strengthens pedestrian access and reduces vehicle accidents to neighborhood-serving small businesses, local schools, and the future Metro-East San Fernando Valley Light Rail Project and station on Van Nuys Boulevard and Laurel Canyon Boulevard.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133; (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luz M. Rivas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Luz M. Rivas
Member of Congress
California's Twenty-Ninth Congressional District