

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 23rd, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3,000,000 in funding for the Homestead Safe Routes to School project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Santa Clara, located at 70 W. Hedding St, San Jose, CA 95110.

The funding would be used for the design and construction of pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements along a 1.5-mile corridor of Homestead Road, including sidewalk gap closures, ADA-compliant curb ramps, high-visibility crosswalks, protected bikeways, intersection reconfigurations, traffic signal upgrades, and other safety enhancements to support safe routes to nearby schools. The project will improve safety conditions for students traveling to West Valley Elementary School, Cupertino Middle School, and Homestead High School, serving nearly 4,000 students in the surrounding area. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it improves roadway safety, enhances pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, reduces traffic-related collisions, and promotes safe, equitable access to schools consistent with federally authorized transportation programs.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133 (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program), which supports pedestrian, bicycle, and safety infrastructure improvements.

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

Sincerely,



Ro Khanna
Member of Congress