April 26, 2021

The Honorable Pete A. DeFazio  
Chairman  
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
2164 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Thornton Avenue Cycle Track and Complete Streets Improvements in surface transportation reauthorization legislation. The project sponsor is City of Newark and the project is located along Thornton Avenue between Gateway Boulevard and Hickory Street in Newark, CA 94560. The funding is for $2,560,000 and it will construct a new Class I pedestrian trail and a two-way separated Class IV cycle track along Thornton Avenue between Gateway Boulevard and Hickory Street.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and the construction of a new Class I trail along this section of Thornton Avenue will improve the connectivity of the Bay Trail, and promote healthy outcomes by connecting residents to walking and bicycle facilities within the National Wildlife Refuge.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Ro Khanna  
Member of Congress