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Rep. Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC, 20515

Rep. Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Santa Ana-Garden Grove Rails to Trails project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Orange County Transportation Authority, located at 550 S. Main Street, Orange, CA 92868.

The funding would be used to increase the use of active transportation travel modes, provide a no-cost, zero-emission transportation alternative, enhance safety and mobility for non-motorized users, facilitating travel away from high-speed and high-volume traffic in several disadvantaged communities. This trail project will link two downtown cities and connect to the Santa Ana River Trail, part of 66-mile Class I OC Loop bikeway, which is 88% complete. The OC Loop connects to beaches, 200 parks, 180 schools, three Metrolink stations and 17 cities. Additionally, the project will result in greenhouse gas emissions, improved air quality, and public health in communities with higher-than-average rates of asthma and cardiovascular disease. Convert existing train tracks to trails (bike or pedestrian): asphalt or concrete. Good for bikes. Recreational trail.

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

Sincerely,

J. Luis Correa  
Member of Congress