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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the I-5 Improvement Project (I-405 to SR-55) in the fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), located at 550 S Main Street, Orange California 92868.

The funding would add one general-purpose lane in each direction, alleviating traffic congestion in the corridor and thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions from idling vehicles. It will also enhance safety in the corridor by adding auxiliary lanes for on and off-ramps, converting an existing buffer-separated high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane to continuous access HOV lanes, and modifying ramp configurations on several interchanges. The project would address current and future travel demands and alleviate congestion in the corridor. OCTA is working in cooperation with Caltrans to improve the SR-55 between I-5 and SR-91 by adding a general-purpose lane in each direction between I-5 and State Route 22. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Y Kim', written over a horizontal line.

Young Kim
Member of Congress