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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  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the State Route 55 (SR-55) Improvement Project in the fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), located at 550 S. Main Street, Orange, CA 92863.

State Route 55 (SR-55) is one of the most heavily congested freeways in Southern California. It is a vital link to other Orange County freeways, and the only direct connection between Central and Coastal Orange County. Currently, SR-55 between I-5 and SR-91 has up to four general purpose lanes, one carpool lane and auxiliary lanes in each direction. OCTA and Caltrans selected an alternative that will help with traffic flow and improve traffic operations on this stretch of SR-55. This project will reduce congestion in major goods movement and people movement corridor.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title 23, Section 133(b)(1). This project has completed the environmental review process.

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

Sincerely,

Young Kim  
Member of Congress