

May 2, 2024

The Honorable John Duarte
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Subject: **Support for State Route 99/233 Chowchilla Multimodal Interchange Improvement Project**

Dear Chairwoman Granger:

I am writing to express support for the City of Chowchilla's State Route 99/233 Chowchilla Multimodal Interchange Improvement Project located at the California State Route (SR) 99/SR 233 Separation in Chowchilla, CA for consideration for the Community Project Funding (CPF) Request.

The purpose of this project is to provide multimodal accessibility/connectivity by providing safe bicycle and pedestrian access through the SR 99/233 interchange. This project will provide a 10-foot multi use sidewalk on the north side of the SR 233 overcrossing and 8-foot shoulders. This project will also construct roundabouts at the interchange ramp terminal intersections. Currently, SR 99 acts as a barrier to east-west pedestrian and bicycle movements. The current overcrossing is not wide enough to accommodate multimodal access and lacks connectivity to the adjacent local streets on SR 233. Since this is the only interchange that directly serves the City of Chowchilla, there are no other viable options for cyclists and pedestrians to safely cross SR 99 from one side of the city to the other. Funding for this project will assist in providing multimodal accessibility and connectivity by providing safe bicycle and pedestrian access through the SR 99/SR 233 interchange.

This is a transformative regional project able to meet the goals outlined in the 2022 Madera County Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). When completed this project will support the safe and efficient movement of people and goods and improve mobility for all travelers through a variety of accessible modal options.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of Community Project Funding. We appreciate the opportunity to support the City of Chowchilla in their efforts to complete this project.

Sincerely,



Patricia Taylor
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