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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Vasco Road-Byron Highway Connector Design Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Contra Costa County, located at 1025 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553. The funding would be used for design work associated with the planned east-west roadway connection between Byron Highway and Vasco Road and associated local improvements in unincorporated Byron. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide congestion relief on the heavily travelled interregional path between Contra Costa and San Joaquin counties, while improving movement of goods and access to the Byron airport.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 U.S.C. § 133.

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

Sincerely,



Josh Harder  
Member of Congress