April 26, 2021

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chairman
House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Member Designated Project Request: State Route 49 Corridor Improvement Project

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding for the State Route 49 Corridor Improvement Project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the Nevada County Transportation Commission and the project is located within California’s 1st Congressional District along State Route 49 from postmile 10.8 to postmile 13.3.

The funding is designated for construction of additional truck climbing lanes, auxiliary lanes, and several road safety features, such as widened shoulders.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit the surrounding region. This section of State Route 49 is designated as a Critical Rural Freight Corridor, and part of the State of California’s 2015 Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan. In the event of a major forest fire, this project will allow State Route 49 to accommodate traffic associated with an evacuation. Even in peak hours under normal road conditions, the route experiences high levels of congestion from local and freight traffic.

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

Sincerely,

Doug LaMalfa
Member of Congress