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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Bethel Ave Road Widening Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Fresno, located at 2281 Tulare Street, Suite 304, Fresno, CA 93721.

The funding would be used to expand Bethel Avenue between the Sanger city limit and State Route 180. The project will widen the roadway from two lanes to match the four-lane configuration inside the City of Sanger. Improvements include roadway excavation, new pavement, aggregate base, shoulder paving, striping, culverts, safety features, and relocation of railroad crossing infrastructure.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these upgrades will reduce congestion, improve travel times, and strengthen safe, reliable access for commuters, families, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and emergency responders. Bethel Avenue currently narrows from four lanes within Sanger to two lanes at the county line, creating a longstanding traffic bottleneck. These upgrades are necessary to correct that bottleneck, improve corridor capacity, and address safety concerns.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133 (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program).

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 "Jim Costa".

**JIM COSTA**  
Member of Congress