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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Mulberry Roundabout in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Woodlake located at 350 N. Valencia Blvd. Woodlake, CA 93286. The funding would be used to construct a single lane roundabout at the future intersection of Naranjo Blvd. (SR-216) and Mulberry St. in Woodlake. This addition to the City and State transportation system will include curb, gutters, ADA ramps, sidewalks, crosswalks, streetlights, pavement, striping, signage, landscaping, bike paths, and storm drain improvements. The project will enhance safety by slowing down eastbound traffic as it enters the city, provide access to new and future developments, reduce congestion and emissions with a continuous flow of traffic and providing safe access to multimodal transportation.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because a roundabout at this intersection will alleviate traffic congestion, improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, and slow down traffic heading east along Naranjo Blvd (SR 216) as it enters in the city. The roundabout will benefit the district by reducing congestion and emissions, including greenhouse gases, with a continuous flow of traffic, and provide safe access to multimodal transportation corridors. The roundabout not only serves as the main access point to the City's downtown but to neighboring residential neighborhoods and the industrial park. The intersection is heavily utilized by truck traffic from agriculture and industrial uses, along with the local residential traffic. The project will also set up the city to accommodate current and future housing, commercial and industrial developments that will help create a more sustainable City of Woodlake for years to come.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by chapter 53 of title 49.

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

Sincerely.

JIM COSTA  
Member of Congress