

## Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation Project Requests

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) was signed into law in August of 2005 and guaranteed funding for highways, highway safety, and public transportation. SAFETEA-LU intended to address the many challenges facing our transportation system today including improving safety, reducing traffic congestion, improving efficiency in freight movement, increasing intermodal connectivity, and protecting the environment. This year's reauthorization is an opportunity for the Committee to make necessary changes to the legislation to better support our nation's growing infrastructure needs. The reauthorization brings with it the opportunity to request funding for projects important to our local district's transportation infrastructure.

On behalf of the 15th Congressional District, I have made the following requests for funding in the surface transportation reauthorization bill:

- **Mineta Transportation Institute – University Transportation Center (\$5,000,000):** The MTI performs critical research on safety and security of transportation systems. Research projects include the financing of public and private transportation improvements, intermodal connectivity, and the connections between transportation, land use, the environment and the economy.
- **The Grand Boulevard Initiative (\$8,000,000):** The Grand Boulevard Initiative is a collaboration to bring about regional planning guided by a shared vision linking transportation with land use along 43 miles of State Highway 82. It is a collaboration of 19 cities in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties along with other local and regional agencies and stakeholders.
- **San Jose Primary Bikeway Network (\$4,800,000):** The Primary Bikeway Network is an innovative demonstration project providing enhanced bikeways that will relieve congestion while provide a mobility option for those who cannot afford or choose not to drive a car, improve air quality, and connect into regional trails.
- **Caltrain Railway Electrification (\$15,750,000):** Caltrain provides service to 39,000 weekday riders across 3 counties and 20 cities along a 52-mile rail corridor in the region. Service demands are expected to double in the next 20 years and this project will assist Caltrain to meet ridership demands, reduce congestion, and greenhouse gas emissions throughout the region.
- **Vasona Light Rail Extension (\$75,000,000):** This project improves the transit service to the West Valley area of Santa Clara County by helping to fund the construction of a 1.5 mile extension of Silicon Valley's light rail system between the city of Campbell and the town of Los Gatos, constructing two new light rail stations, and accompanying park-and-ride facilities.

- **San Tomas Box Culvert repair (\$3,520,000):** The San Tomas Box Culvert underlying portions of the San Tomas Expressway is significantly eroded with structural elements exposed and deteriorating, compromising the structural integrity of the culvert. Funding will go toward repairing this safety hazard and thereby ensuring the safety of the up to 200,000 vehicles that travel the expressway daily.

- **A Section 5309 New Starts Program authorization for the BART extension to Silicon Valley, Santa Clara County:** This project extends the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) regional rail system from Alameda County to the cities of Milpitas, San Jose and Santa Clara in Santa Clara County, linking the three largest regional metropolitan areas: San Jose, San Francisco, and Oakland. The project was authorized under TEA-21 and SAFETEA-LU, has a very sizeable local and state financial commitment, been identified as a regional priority by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and historically enjoys strong Bay Area Congressional delegation support.

- **SJ 101/Trimble Rd. Interchange (\$21,600,000):** Federal funding will support construction of capacity improvements at the U.S. 101 and Trimble Road interchange in San Jose, CA. The improvements will help alleviate the congestion associated with traffic from San Jose Mineta International Airport and planned development in North San Jose.

- **I-880/I-280/Stevens Creek Interchange Improvement (\$44,000,000):** This interchange is among the most congested in the region; this project request will fund operational and safety improvements to the interchange including reconfiguration of the I-880/Stevens Creek Boulevard Interchange and construction of the northbound I-280 to northbound I-880 direct connector ramp.