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March 20, 2024

The Honorable Alex Padilla
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Mike Thompson
U.S. House of Representatives
268 Cannon Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Laphonza Butler
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
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RE: SUPPORT – Community Funding Project Request, Jepson Parkway Improvement Project

Dear Senators Padilla and Butler and Representative Thompson,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write to express the Solano County's strong support for the Jepson Parkway Improvements Project. The City of Vacaville is seeking \$3.7 million of Community Project Funding. These funds would supplement existing local dollars and allow the construction phase of the project to proceed. The Jepson Parkway Plan, adopted in 2000 by Solano County's Congestion Management Agency the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), is a comprehensive multi-jurisdictional strategy to upgrade the transportation roadway system between Solano County, and the cities of Fairfield, Suisun City, and Vacaville.

The project responds to a series of critical transportation needs. It provides an essential north-south connection in central Solano County supporting the continued vitality of the three cities, several emerging job centers, Travis Air Force Base, and local destinations such as schools and neighborhoods. The project relieves existing and future traffic congestion problems in central Solano County. The Vacaville Jepson Parkway project will transform a narrow roadway segment into a 4-lane parkway which provides active transportation opportunities for bus, bicycle, and pedestrian travel and high-quality streetscape treatment that buffers adjacent land uses from the road while offering an aesthetically beautiful, landscaped bicycle and pedestrian pathway.

The project provides safe and attractive bicycle and pedestrian facilities along the Parkway where none currently exist, and improves transportation, public transit, bicycle and pedestrian connections within the county. The project is a Regional Transportation Plan priority project identified by the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) and listed in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). It is supported by community business owners, city and regional government, bicycle and pedestrian advocates, regional transportation planning agencies, and the California Department of Transportation. Project plans are completed; this project is Shovel Ready.

Solan County supports this project because it promotes the stated objectives of Community Project Funding and enhances access and safety for residents. Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Honorable Alex Padilla
Honorable Laphonza Butler
Honorable Mike Thompson
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mitch N. Mashburn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mitch Mashburn, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

CC:

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The Honorable Bill Dodd, California State Senator
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