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## **Fiscal Year 2009 Funding Priorities For the 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District**

The following funding requests have been submitted to the House Appropriations Committee for the 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of California and include only public agencies and non-profit requests, this is the first step and there are several steps ahead:

- The first step is for the House Appropriations Committee to evaluate requests received. The Committee will most likely include only a small number, if any, of them in the bills it forwards to the full House. The House will vote on these bills over the next few months (roughly June through July). During the same time period, the Senate will undertake a similar process to produce its versions of appropriations bills.
- The second step is for a Conference Committee to resolve differences between the House and Senate bills and determine which requests will be included in the Conference Report on the bill.
- The fourth step is for the House and Senate to approve the Conference Report.
- The fifth and final step is the signature of the President on the legislation.

Under ideal circumstances, the entire process should be completed by October 1<sup>st</sup> (the start of Fiscal Year 2009), but work on the final appropriations bills is typically not completed until well after October.

As this process continues through each of these steps, I will provide updates on the following:

- Requested by: City of Belmont  
**Belmont Library Solar Photovoltaic Project-** A photovoltaic solar power system will be installed on the roof of the Belmont Library to generate 40% of the power for the library building.
- Requested by: City of Belmont  
**Paving of Old County Road and Masonic Way-** Paving these roads is necessary to help complete a project for the under-grounding of utilities.
- Requested by: City of Belmont  
**Community Accessible GIS Web Application-** An interactive Geographic Information System (GIS) web application in order to make data related to city infrastructure, projects, events, and emergencies more accessible to the public and other agencies.

- Requested by: California Air National Guard  
**Giant Voice System**-The California Air National Guard needs a new public address system for the 129<sup>th</sup> Air Rescue Wing at Moffett Federal Airfield.
- Requested by: California Air National Guard  
**Weapons Vault Upgrade**- The California Air National Guard needs to upgrade its weapons vault in order to facilitate storage and inventory of all deployable weapons.
- Requested by: California Air National Guard  
**Lighting Towers**- The California Air National Guard needs two lighting towers for aircraft ramp security.
- Requested by: California Coastal Conservancy  
**South San Francisco Bay Salt Ponds Restoration, NASA Ames Research Center**- as part of the South Bay Pond Restoration Project, a 2.5 mile long security fence must be constructed between NASA Ames Research Center and a trail that is being opened to the public.
- Requested by: CA State Parks Association  
**Restoration for Pigeon Point Lighthouse**: the Lighthouse is in disrepair and needs to develop plans and survey conditions in Pescadero, California.
- Requested by: the City of East Palo Alto  
**East Palo Alto Violence Prevention Initiative**- The Initiative cooperates with 13 other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to address gang violence.
- Requested by: City of Palo Alto  
**San Francisco Bay Trail/Route 101 Bike and Pedestrian Overpass**- In order to provide safe bicycle and pedestrian access to the San Francisco Bay Trail, an overpass over the 101 Freeway must be built.
- Requested by: City of East Palo Alto  
**East Palo Alto Environmental Infrastructure Improvements Project**- Funds are requested to construct the Ravenswood storm water drainage system.
- City of East Palo Alto  
**East Palo Alto Training Initiative**- This funding would be used to create a new job training initiatives to expand existing programs.
- Requested by: City of East Palo Alto  
**Emergency Water Supply Storage Tank**- acquiring this tank is necessary in order for the City to enter into negotiations with the County of San Mateo next year for a reallocation of water resources.

- Requested by: City of East Palo Alto  
**East Palo Alto Street Improvements-** For road surface repair.
- Requested by: City of Half Moon Bay  
**San Mateo Coastside Emergency Operations Center-** The Center would serve as a “command post” that could be used to manage man-made or natural disasters and we’ll take 3 years to complete once funding is secured.
- Requested by: HeartMath  
**Student Dropout and Prevention and Teacher Retention-** HeartMath is implementing a pilot program to help student reduce stress, targeting lower grades where they determine the drop-out process begins.
- Requested by: Housing Trust of Santa Clara County  
**First time Homebuyer Low Income Downpayment Assistance Program- The Housing Trust** will provide a revolving loan fund for downpayment assistance to low income first-time homebuyers. Loans will be provided up to \$15,000 for households in Santa Clara County with up to 80% of the area median income.
- Requested by: City of Mountain View  
**Moffett Area Reclaimed Water Pipeline Project-** For construction of a recycled water supply system for irrigation to reduce water consumption in the region from Palo Alto to Mountain View.
- Requested by: The Pacific Graduate School of Psychology  
**Access to Mental Health for the Uninsured-** The school has a community-based training clinic to provide mental health services to a greater number of low income, uninsured adults and families. Seventy-percent of the clinic’s current caseload is comprised of uninsured patients.
- Requested by: City of Palo Alto  
**Homeless Opportunity Center-** Funds will be used to complete mental and medical health assessments of those who have received services at the center over the last two years.
- Requested by: City of Palo Alto  
**Recycled Water Distribution System Expansion-** This will expand the City’s water distribution system to provide non-potable recycled water to additional customers.
- Requested by: City of Palo Alto  
**Emergency Water Supply Well-** The City must retrofit their five existing wells to be used in the case that the City was ever cut off from its water supply (as mandated by the state of CA.)
- Requested by: City of Palo Alto

- Palo Alto Transit Intermodal Transit Center-** A direct transit-only access road is needed to the Palo Alto Intermodal Transit Center to improve passenger safety during loading and unloading by providing buses with an access road that is separated from other vehicular traffic.
- Requested by: City of Palo Alto  
**Regional Mobile Command Unit-** The mobile unit would be used as a backup 911 and emergency operations center, including interoperability capabilities with neighboring Bay Area cities.
  - Requested by: Port of Redwood City  
**Redwood City Maintenance Dredging-** Redwood City Navigation Channel must be dredged to maintain the depth necessary for ships to continue to be able to navigate the channel.
  - Requested by: San Mateo County  
**San Mateo County Gender Responsive Program-** funding would establish a gender-specific, evidenced-based pilot program for incarcerated women in the San Mateo County's Correctional Center.
  - Requested by: San Mateo County  
**Sewer Pipe Replacement Project-** Sewer replacement is greatly needed in San Mateo County to complete the remaining 13.5 miles of sewer pipe replacement in the County.
  - Requested by: San Mateo County Transit District  
**Caltrain Collision Avoidance System-** An integrated signal and communication system will improve reliability and safety and prevent collisions. Funds will be spent on system engineering, design and development.
  - Requested by: City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County  
**San Mateo County Smart Corridors Project-** The project will help mitigate traffic congestion, improve traffic control operations, and optimize the use roadways.
  - Requested by: Santa Clara County  
**Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Emergency Department (SCVMCD)-** The County needs to purchase two new ultrasound units.
  - Requested by: Santa Clara County  
**Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Emergency Department (SCVMCD)-** The County needs to purchase two new mammography units.
  - Requested by: Santa Clara County  
**Central Expressway Auxiliary Lanes Between Mathilda Ave and Fair Oaks-** Funds would be used to add a lane to a stretch of the Central Expressway in the

westbound direction between the ramps at Matilda Avenue and Fair Oaks to improve safety for entering and exiting vehicles and reduce traffic congestion

- Requested by: San Francisquito Joint Powers Authority  
**San Francisquito Creek Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration-** for the continued studies of this flood control project.
- Requested by: Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District  
**Smart Fare Payment System-** the project will acquire farecard equipment and computers to implement a smart payment system to enable riders to use a single payment system on both the Monterey and Salinas transit networks.
- Requested by: Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District  
**Pacific Station Multimodal and Multi-Use Facility-** An expansion of the main bus transfer station in downtown Santa Cruz.
- Requested by: Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Project  
**Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Project-** the project will interconnect disparate fire and law enforcement computer systems and enhance the overall effectiveness of first-responders in Silicon Valley.