

Rep. Eshoo Votes to Support Transportation and Affordable Housing Projects

Bill includes \$1.9 million for projects in 14th Congressional District

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Washington, D.C.— Rep. Anna G. Eshoo today voted for the FY2010 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Act which funds critical maintenance projects for the nation’s airports, highways, passenger rail, and transportation systems. The bill also provides housing assistance to families facing foreclosure and invests in rental assistance for low-income families.

The legislation includes \$1.9 million for three projects in the 14th Congressional District: \$1 million for Caltrain’s Collision Avoidance System Project; \$700,000 for the Housing Trust of Santa Clara County; and \$200,000 for the Half Moon Bay Library.

“More people are relying on public transportation, straining a system that is already in need of serious repairs. This bill will upgrade existing local transit systems so they can serve our towns and communities safely,” Rep. Eshoo said. “The average family spends more than 50% of their income on housing and transportation. In the Bay Area these expenses often add up to over 60% of a family’s income. This bill invests in foreclosure prevention and affordable housing programs to keep families in their homes while we’re weathering one of the toughest economic storms in our nation’s history.”

The FY2010 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Act includes funding for the following projects in the 14th Congressional District:

- \$1,000,000 for Caltrain to fund the Collision Avoidance System Project. This project will create an integrated signal and communication system that will improve reliability and safety while responding to demand for expanded service along the U.S. 101 corridor.
- \$700,000 for the Housing Trust of Santa Clara County to fund loans for first-time homebuyers in Santa Clara County. The Housing Trust’s cumulative investment of \$14 million has already helped 2,039 families buy their first home.
- \$200,000 for the Half Moon Bay Library. The library was constructed in 1971 to serve 3,500 people and by 2020 will be expected to serve over 36,000. The expansion will improve service points, new technologies, gathering areas for children, a space for teens to study, a family literacy center and a community meeting space.

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