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House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515*

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The Honorable Tom Cole,
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing and Urban Development, and
Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley,
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing and Urban Development, and
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Quigley,

As you begin your critical work on the Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I request that you include \$1,200,000 for the City of Saratoga's Safe Routes to School project. This request for Community Project Funding is associated with the Department of Transportation Highway Infrastructure Projects account.

The requested funding will allow the City to implement its Safe Routes to School Master Plan and improve safety for children bicycling and walking to school. The proposed improvements include the installment of rapid flashing beacons, high visibility crosswalks, raised high-visibility crosswalks, yield signs, curb ramps, berms, and sidewalks. The improvement of the traffic safety at these areas are intended to encourage more walking and biking which will reduce the need for the students to be driven to school and ultimately reduce vehicle emissions. The Master Plan was guided by the Safe System Approach which has a goal of eliminating fatal and serious injuries for all road users.

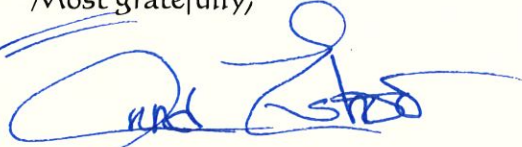
The project addresses safety, congestion management and environmental sustainability. The proposed project contains improvements at various intersections and streets adjacent to eleven schools in Saratoga. The improvements are intended to improve safety for all modes of travel in the areas around schools. The goal is to encourage students to bike and walk to school which would reduce the need for additional vehicle miles traveled and consequently reduce vehicle emissions.

As an indication of community support, I've enclosed the following documents:

- A unanimous City Council Resolution supporting Safe Routes to School
- Responses from residents to the City's Safe Routes to School Online Survey
- Two articles from the *Mercury News* providing press coverage of the City's efforts to improve safety for students walking to school

If enacted, this request would improve pedestrian and bicycle safety for children, and it's why I wholeheartedly support this Community Project Funding request and ask that you do so as well.

Most gratefully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anna C. Eshoo', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Anna C. Eshoo

Enclosures