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The Honorable Tom Cole  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the SLOCOG Shell Beach Road Shared Use Path Project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at Shell Beach Road near Highway 101, San Luis Obispo County, CA

The funding would be used to extend the shared use path 2-miles north to the intersection of Shell Beach Road and Avila Beach Drive, where a roundabout, park and ride mobility hub, bike lanes and walking paths. The Shell Beach Road shared use path extension will provide a safe facility for bicyclists and pedestrians that will enhance local and regional mobility and access to retail and commercial services, coastal access points, and trailheads along the corridor. Once constructed, the Shell Beach Road shared used path extension, Avila Beach roundabout, and Bob Jones Trail extension, which is fully funded and progressing through design, will create a low-stress active transportation network that extends approximately 8-miles between Pismo Beach and San Luis Obispo and will offer viable, safe alternatives to car-commutes, especially as adoption of electric bikes and scooters accelerates.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will protect bicyclists and pedestrians from vehicle traffic.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title 23 USC 133(b).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S.O. Carbajal".

Salud Carbajal  
Member of Congress