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The Honorable Tom Cole  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District Bus Fleet Expansion Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

The requested federal funding will be used to expand Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (SBMTD) high-capacity 60-foot bus fleet to accommodate the upcoming new bus route (Line 29) serving UC Santa Barbara's (UCSB) new San Benito Housing project, which, when completed, will house 2,224 residents. More than just serving UCSB student residents of the San Benito project, this service will connect workers with employment and other members of the public traveling along the route.

This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars as it will help provide high-capacity public transit service to a high-density housing project, thereby removing the need for expensive parking garages, mitigating traffic congestion, and connecting residents to opportunity and important community destinations.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code.

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