



The Honorable Mike Thompson  
U.S. House of Representatives  
268 Cannon Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

March 8, 2024

**RE: COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST – CITY OF VACAVILLE**

Dear Congressman Thompson:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Vacaville Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our support for the Jepson Parkway Improvements Project. The City of Vacaville is seeking \$3.7 million of Community Project Funding, funds that would supplement existing local dollars and allow the construction of the project to proceed.

The Jepson Parkway Plan adopted in 2000 by Solano County's Congestion Management Agency, the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), is a comprehensive multi-jurisdictional strategy to upgrade the transportation roadway system between Solano County, and the cities of Suisun, Fairfield and Vacaville. The project responds to a series of critical transportation needs. It provides an essential north-south connection in central Solano County which would support the continued vitality of the three cities, several emerging job centers, Travis Air Force Base, and local destinations such as schools and neighborhoods. The project helps relieve existing and future traffic congestion problems in central Solano County.

The Vacaville Jepson Parkway project will transform a narrow roadway segment into a 4-lane parkway which provides active transportation opportunities for bus, bicycle and pedestrian travel and high-quality streetscape treatment that buffers adjacent land uses from the road while offering an aesthetically beautiful, landscaped bicycle and pedestrian pathway. The project provides safe and attractive bicycle and pedestrian facilities along the Parkway where none currently exist, and improves transportation, public transit, bicycle and pedestrian connections within the county.

The project is a Regional Transportation Plan priority project identified by the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) and listed in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). It is supported by community business owners, city and regional government, bicycle and pedestrian advocates, regional transportation planning agencies, and the California Department of Transportation. Project plans are completed and the project is shovel ready.

The Vacaville Chamber of Commerce supports this project because it promotes the stated objectives of Community Project Funding and enhances access, mobility and safety for residents. We encourage you to include this important regional project in your funding allocations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debbie Egidio".

Debbie Egidio  
President & CEO

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Vacaville Chamber of Commerce