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Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves
Committee On Transportation And Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Coastal Parklands Access Shuttle System Parking Facility in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the California Department of Parks and Recreation and the project is located in Carmel, California.

The funding is designated for the construction of a parking lot to anchor a climate-friendly shuttle system which would serve State Route 1 from Carmel to Big Sur. Coupled with a reservation system for Point Lobos State Natural Reserve, visitor use will be distributed throughout the day, reducing peak hour use and congestion along Highway 1 and the Carmel Area State Parks.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars, as CA SR-1 is a designated National Scenic Byway and its popularity has created unsustainable visitor management issues causing public safety and congestion issues. This project will address and mitigate these issues. It is being coordinated through a community-based initiative called ParkIT! ParkIT! represents a broad coalition of community partners including Big Sur Land Trust, Point Lobos Foundation, Big Sur Marathon Foundation, Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, and California State Parks.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,


Jimmy Panetta
Member of Congress