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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairwoman
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,000,000 in funding for the Guadalupe River Trail Construction project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of San Jose, located at 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95113. The funding would construct the next segment of the Guadalupe River Trail, connecting to the existing alignment that travels from Lake Almaden Park north to Chynoweth Avenue. This next phase of trail construction would include 0.54 miles from Chynoweth Avenue north to Branham Lane. This trail project will fill an existing gap in one of the core trails in the City's trail network, which consists of dedicated, off-street class 1 bike lanes which helps meet the City's goal of a 100-mile trail network.

The City of San José is strategically developing a 100-mile interconnected trail network to provide safe, accessible transportation and recreation options for pedestrians, bicyclists, equestrians, and other trail users. At the heart of this vision is the Guadalupe River Trail, a critical spine of the network with discontinuous segments that serves nearly 1,000 users per day and provides direct access to parks, open spaces, historic sites, and key destinations in Downtown San José. This funding would fund the construction of a half-mile Class I Trail segment between Chynoweth Avenue and Branham Road that will begin to close the critical gap between the northern and southern segments. The trail's strategic connectivity to Silicon Valley's major employment centers, including Cisco, eBay, IBM, and other key job hubs, further enhances its role as an economic benefit for San José residents.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), and 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

Jimmy Panetta
Member of Congress