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Subject: 2026 Community Project Funding Request
Soda Bay Road Widening and Resurfacing Project

Project Name: Soda Bay Road Widening and Resurfacing Project

Location: County of Lake in the unincorporated area of South Lakeport, Congressional District 4

Total Project Funding Amount: \$17,313,352

Brief Project Description: The combined South Main Street and Soda Bay Road project will widen nearly two miles of an existing two-lane road segment into three lanes with a continuous center left-turn lane. Furthermore, the project will install bicycle lanes, support the undergrounding of overhead utility lines (funded separately), and partner with the City of Lakeport for the installation of a water main to be completed in concert with the road project. The project will improve: traffic flow and safety for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians; access to businesses along South Main Street and Soda Bay Road; roadway surface drainage and stormwater system to improve flood resilience and support; and disaster mitigation through the undergrounding of utility infrastructure.

The project is fully shovel-ready – environmental clearance for both CEQA and NEPA is complete, right-of-way is secured, and design plans are complete – and the project is now in the construction phase. Approximately \$6 million was previously expended in pre-construction phases, including design engineering, environmental compliance, and right-of-way. Construction of the South Main Street phase of the project is fully funded with State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding as well as Federal Demonstration funding, and the utility undergrounding funded through local utility companies, and will begin construction in mid-2026. For the Soda Bay Road phase, however, project funding is insufficient to build. Funding through the Congressionally Directed Spending program will close the gap to fully fund the project and complete construction of the entire corridor.

Amount Requested: \$5,874,352

Subcommittee Name: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development

Statement Describing the federal nexus for your request: 23 USC 133, Highway Infrastructure Projects.

Supporting documents that demonstrate evidence of public support: The project has widespread support, in particular from the City of Lakeport and the Lake Area Planning Council.

Is this project listed with a State Use Plan: Yes, the project is in the State Transportation Improvement Plan (PPNO 3033R) [2024 Adopted STIP for Transmittal 032524.xlsx](#)