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Secretary Sunne Wright McPeak  
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Dear Secretary McPeak:

As you begin the process of distributing federal funds for transportation projects included in SAFETEA-LU, I write to you regarding the Inland Empire Goods Movement Gateway project.

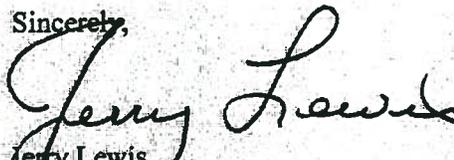
In SAFETEA-LU, I was pleased to secure \$55 million for the Inland Empire Goods Movement Gateway project under the Projects of National and Regional Significance category; as well as an additional \$20 million under Section 1701-High Priority Projects, for a total of \$75 million. As you may know, the Inland Valley Development Agency, the San Bernardino Associated Governments, and the cities of Highland and San Bernardino are implementing a regional effort to facilitate goods movement through the county, specifically in and around the former Norton Air Force Base. This project, called the Inland Empire Goods Movement Gateway, includes several transportation improvements that will greatly enhance mobility throughout the region and help speed the flow of commerce in the area.

In order to maximize the effectiveness of these funds, I respectfully request that you follow congressional intent by ensuring the funds are distributed in the following manner:

- \$30 million to the San Bernardino Associated Governments for the I-10/Tippecanoe Interchange
- \$1.5 million to the San Bernardino Associated Governments for the I-215/Barton Road Interchange
- \$36.5 million to the Inland Valley Development Agency for road, bridge, and grade separation improvements in and around the former base.
- \$2 million to the City of Highland, California for Boulder Avenue improvements and bridge widening
- \$5 million to the City of San Bernardino, California for the I-215/University Parkway Interchange

Thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Elizabeth Lewis, of my staff, at 202-225-5861.

Sincerely,

  
Jerry Lewis  
Member of Congress

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cc: Will Kempton, Director of California Department of Transportation