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**Re: Support for Emergency Relief Reimbursement for the Town of Moraga**

We are writing to request your assistance in ensuring that the Town of Moraga's approved Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Emergency Relief funds reimbursement in the amount of \$2,974,473 is processed and funded.

As background, the Town of Moraga received approval for the FHWA Emergency Relief Funds in 2017 to construct a temporary Canyon Road bridge. The provisional bridge was completed in November 2017, opening up much-needed access to cars, cyclists, pedestrians, and emergency vehicles.

All work has been completed and funded by the Town of Moraga out of their limited General Fund budget. Reimbursement of the approved funds is vital to the livelihood of the Town of Moraga and will provide critical resources needed to permanently replace the bridge. The Town of Moraga has a small annual operating budget of \$9.5 million, and the costs of the Canyon Road replacement and other weather-related emergency repairs, resulted in the Town declaring a fiscal emergency in 2017. While the declaration has been lifted, the Town's financial reserves are strained.

The Emergency Relief reimbursement will allow Moraga to maintain its critical infrastructure and avoid major financial emergencies in the future.

Thank you for your consideration, and we respectfully urge your support for this request.

Warm regards,

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Assemblywoman, 16<sup>th</sup> District

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Senator, 7<sup>th</sup> District