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April 23, 2009

The Honorable David Dreier
United State Congress
223 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Dreier:

On behalf of the City of La Cañada Flintridge, I respectfully request your support of the City of La Cañada Flintridge's Soundwall Project in the Reauthorization of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). We are requesting \$12,000,000 in federal assistance for Phase I of the design and construction of soundwalls within the City. The total cost of Phase I is \$15,000,000. Therefore, the \$12,000,000 requested represents 80% of the total cost of Phase I.

The total project cost to build all of the necessary soundwalls in the City of La Cañada Flintridge is estimated at \$35,000,000. The City of La Cañada Flintridge recently completed the environmental and other studies necessary to begin soundwall design. This was at a cost of over \$600,000. As you are aware, the City requested and received \$250,000 through an appropriation for the design of two segments of the soundwalls. This appropriation is greatly appreciated.

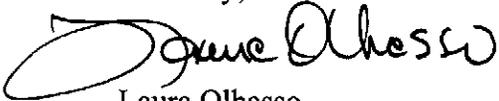
The proposed soundwalls are for interstate highway I-210. These soundwalls are necessary to reduce extreme noise levels experienced by the City's residents (up to 81 decibels) and school facilities along the freeway. The I-210 freeway bisects the City of La Cañada Flintridge. It was built in the late 1960s without soundwalls and under protest from the community. This project will increase environmental standards with the reduction of noise.

It is anticipated that the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) will fund the local match of \$3,000,000 (20%) for Phase I. Public workshops have been previously held for this project and, if necessary, the City of La Cañada Flintridge will provide the public an additional opportunity to comment through the NEPA/CEQA process before any federal funds are obligated on this project.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or City Manager Mark Alexander at 818-790-8880. We appreciate your continued support of the City of La Cañada Flintridge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Olhasso". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "O".

Laura Olhasso
Mayor