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Ranking Member Kay Granger  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for First Avenue bridges replacement over the Mojave River and Overflows in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the San Bernardino Transportation Authority, located at 1170 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, San Bernardino, California 92410.

The funding would be used to replace existing bridges on North First Avenue over the Mojave River and the Mojave River Overflow.

The transportation demands of San Bernardino County warrant a diverse offering of transportation solutions. However, as the region that offers affordable housing for the job centers in the coastal counties to our west, it is critical that we invest in commuter demands. In San Bernardino County, the dominant mode of transportation remains as automobiles using roadways for extended commutes to multiple destinations. Enhancing the funding program for projects like the North Avenue Bridges ensures that the bulk of today's population is served by a better network of roadway infrastructure.

The 8th District is unique in that it still provides affordable housing choices. In fact, its population grows at a faster rate than its employment counterpart, resulting in a need for longer commutes to job centers throughout Southern California. While there are advancements being made on the transit side to offer alternatives, today's drivers will require roadway improvements for the next decade or more to assist in meeting the demand.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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Jay Obernolte  
Member of Congress