

Congressman McCarthy's High Priority Project Requests in the Surface Transportation Authorization Legislation for the 22nd Congressional District:

- **Improving Road Safety and Enhancing Transportation Capability:** McCarthy requested the inclusion of \$30 million for the widening of State Route 46 in San Luis Obispo County, California, from a two-lane conventional highway to a four-lane expressway between the City of Paso Robles, California, at Interstate 101 and the Wye junction of State Routes 46 and 41. This request is for Phase 2, of a larger project, which, when completed, will widen State Route 46 between Paso Robles, California, and Bakersfield, California. State Route 46 is a vital artery for moving people and goods, through the State, and due to a number of serious accidents and fatalities along this route, is in need of safety improvements. It has been designated by the California Highway Patrol as a Highway Safety Corridor. In addition, as a Strategic Highway Network Corridor (STRAHNET), it is part of a highway network deemed essential to national defense for facilitating the movement of troops and equipment to airports, railroad depots, ports, and military bases.
- **Improving Road Safety and Infrastructure:** McCarthy requested the inclusion of \$10.5 million to complete the initial phases to widen State Route 46 to four lanes between Brown Material Road and Interstate 5 in Kern County, California. As mentioned above, State Route 46 is designated as a Highway Safety Corridor, and this request is to continue the widening of State Route 46. Specifically, this funding would be used for the initial phases of Segment IV of the State Route 46 widening project located in Kern County, California, a heavily trafficked portion of the highway served by a main north-south freeway, Interstate 5.
- **Improving Road Safety:** McCarthy requested the inclusion of \$500,000 to prepare a project study report for a major grade separation improvement at the intersection of State Route 46 East and Union Road in San Luis Obispo County, California. This improvement at the State Route 46 and Union Road intersection will address safety concerns at the intersection and, upon completion, is projected to significantly reduce the collision rate at this heavily trafficked intersection.
- **Improving Road Safety:** McCarthy requested the inclusion of \$8 million to widen State Route 119 to four lanes between Cherry Avenue and Tupman Road in Kern County. Due to the number of fatalities sustained on State Route 119, the California Highway Patrol received a Safety Corridor grant to enhance enforcement along this segment of road. This project would add additional lanes enabling faster-moving vehicles to more safely pass slower-moving,

oil-industry related heavy trucks that regularly travel along this highway, as it connects many of Kern County's oil fields with Bakersfield, California, and the rest of the State.

- **Improving Road Safety:** McCarthy requested the inclusion of \$23.2 million for the initial steps to begin construction of Phase 4 of the Westside Parkway in Bakersfield, California. This project, when completed, will extend State Route 58 to Interstate 5 to increase mobility and safe travel through Bakersfield, California. Once completed, the Westside Parkway will help to alleviate heavy traffic congestion from city streets in the downtown area of Bakersfield.