

# Joint Chambers Commission of El Dorado County



Congressman Tom McClintock  
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April 20, 2021

RE: Community Project Funding

Congressman McClintock:

The Joint Chambers Commission of El Dorado County is writing in support of the letter sent to you by our EDC-DOT as seen below. We are very well aware of your position regarding earmarks and respect your opinion. However, in this situation the dollars are there and available. We are asking that you please help our county get our fair share. This is available funding not a request for a special earmark. We hope you will consider this an opportunity to support our county and your constituents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurel Brent-Bumb".

Laurel Brent-Bumb, A.C.E.  
Chief Executive Officer

On behalf of;

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The El Dorado County Department of Transportation (EDC-DOT) is closely monitoring the development of federal transportation funding programs and policies being considered in the House and Senate. EDC-DOT continues to explore every opportunity to secure limited and highly competitive state and federal transportation funding to support the vast transportation needs throughout the region. As you know, US Highway 50 bisects El Dorado County and serves as the foundational interregional tourism and economic connection between the large metropolitan regions of California and the extensive resources of the Lake Tahoe Basin, agritourism destinations, and the El Dorado National Forest. However, as the state focuses investments away from traditional automobile travel, EDC-DOT continues to be charged with maintaining rural roadways and highways by investing to improve safety, maintenance, and operations. As state and federal funding become more focused on system modernization to combat climate change, traditional surface transportation investments which are still in great need throughout El Dorado County, become much harder to

fund and deliver. The Community Project Funding (CPF) discretionary grant program, recently released by the House, presents an opportunity for EDC-DOT to secure funding to support these much-needed traditional and transformative transportation investments. The CPF provides an opportunity for a local or regional jurisdiction to advocate for a specific project in a way that clearly illustrates the need, impact, and value that will be realized by not just the local community, but by all users of the transportation system. CPF funding is awarded to a recipient based on their specific advocacy and therefore is not subject to competitive award processes, giving local jurisdictions a greater opportunity to secure transportation funding that will address the needs of their constituents. Furthermore, the CPF allows a local jurisdiction to secure funding for a project which they have deemed the highest and best use of transportation funding rather than require them to structure a project which fits the framework of a specific funding program. We understand the CPF allows for each congressional district to submit up to ten priority projects. EDC-DOT appreciates the opportunity to work with you to submit high-priority projects for consideration of CPF funding. EDC-DOT would sincerely appreciate any support you can provide to secure much-needed transportation funding for our community through the CPF and future opportunity.

