

# City of Hanford

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Alex Padilla  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable David Valadao  
2465 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Feinstein, Senator Padilla, and Representative Valadao,

On behalf of the City of Hanford, I write to seek your support of a Community Project Funding request. Specifically, we request \$7,315,245 from the Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill, Highway Infrastructure Projects account for the East Lacey Corridor Improvement project.

The heart of Hanford's economy, history, public spaces, and character has always been the historic downtown area. Within the Hanford Downtown area there are three buildings on the National Register of Historic Places: Hanford Carnegie Library, Kings County Courthouse, and the Taoist Temple.

Despite the importance of the Downtown to the community, the infrastructure is aging and needs to be replaced, the intersections and streets lack the needed safety improvements, the sidewalks and intersections are not ADA compliant, and vacancies are common due to the lack of public and private investment.

Hanford, like many cities in California's Central Valley, is car-dependent, and has underdeveloped pedestrian and transit infrastructure. To improve walkability, increase access to public transportation, and address public safety concerns, the City undertook a comprehensive study in 2021 to identify the transportation needs in the Downtown. Among the projects identified as a priority was the East Lacey Corridor Improvement project.

The East Lacey Corridor Improvement project is a multi-modal infrastructure project that will connect Hanford residents to services in the downtown, promote active transportation opportunities, connect residents to the Kings/Tulare High Speed Rail Station, and spur economic growth along the corridor. The project includes a resurfacing of the road, a restriping to allow for four lanes of traffic instead of two, construction of bike lanes, sidewalks, curb cuts for transit stops, and lighting along Lacey Boulevard from 10th Ave to 9 ½ Avenue. The project will support enhancing connections to transit (including California High Speed Rail), equitable design, and utilize complete streets design principles.

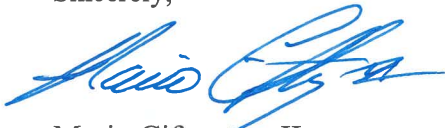
East Lacey Boulevard is currently a two-lane arterial street with an average daily traffic volume of approximately 7,500 vehicles per day. The roadway and surrounding area adjacent to the street does not have a drainage system and is void of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. Traffic volumes are also increasing with the recent development of a regional shopping center, including Costco, and will continue to increase as the area adjacent to the street re-develops.

Preliminary design of the project was completed last fall. Utility coordination, right of way acquisition and plans, specs, and engineering are ongoing with construction able to begin early in 2024.

The project is estimated to cost \$12,906,728. The City of Hanford has already set aside \$5,591,483, mostly from City funds, but also including 450,000 from the CMAQ federal program, leaving a shortfall of \$7,315,245. Engineering, right of way acquisition, and construction management tasks are fully funded by funds already provided, with the remainder allocated towards construction. However, there remains a shortfall.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. We look forward to working with you on this and other issues in the future.

Sincerely,



Mario Cifuentes, II  
City Manager

Cc: Mayor Travis Paden  
Hanford City Council