

March 20, 2023

U.S. Congressman Salud Carbajal
United States House of Representatives
2331 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: City of Goleta Pavement Repair Project

Congressman Carbajal:

The Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce would like to express our support for the City of Goleta's request for funding towards the Pavement Repair project. The project aims to fix the damaged roads across the City of Goleta resulting from the winter storms that occurred in January and March of 2023.

The recent atmospheric rivers of 2023 have wreaked havoc on Goleta's roads causing significant damage and rapid pavement degradation. A combination of high intensity runoff, infiltration and migration of storm water has produced significant potholes, surface erosion of pavement and material loss across many of Goleta's streets. Based on a recent City analysis the Goleta street system has experienced about \$16M in damages from the recent storms. This severe degradation has significant impacts on the safety of all those who use Goleta's road systems including drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians alike. The Pavement Repair project will include repairing the severely damaged roads, preventing further deterioration, while reducing future repair costs. This project will ensure that Goleta's roads are safe and well-maintained, reducing the likelihood of accidents and improving the quality of life for its residents and visitors.

With the City's funding request, the City of Goleta will be able to address the urgent and significant damages that the recent winter storms have caused to the city's road system. This funding will not only allow the city to fix the potholes, cracks, and uneven surfaces that pose a danger to drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians but also strengthen the overall infrastructure of the city. The Chamber is happy to support this project, as maintaining local infrastructure is an integral part of continuing to support economic development in the region.

Sincerely,



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