

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

*Liz Kniss, President
Fifth District Supervisor*



October 20, 2009

The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
U.S. House of Representatives
102 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Lofgren:

The County of Santa Clara estimates receiving over **\$159 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act**. While a majority of these funds will be used to help our County meet the increased demand for safety net services, \$3.9 million of the funds were recently used to improve the condition of our County roads. Because of our local budget shortfall, these road improvements would have been impossible without Federal assistance.

This summer, the County Roads Department completed its oversight of construction on the Montague Expressway Pavement Rehabilitation Project. Montague Expressway is a six mile long, east-west route that travels through the cities of Milpitas, San Jose, and Santa Clara; approximately 290,000 vehicles travel it each day. The \$3 million rehabilitation project included the removal and repair of damaged pavement, followed by a new surface overlay of rubberized asphalt on sections of the roadway. This project was the first Recovery Act street infrastructure project awarded in the South Bay area.

The County Unincorporated Roads Rehabilitation project began in September 2009 and will be finished this week. This \$900,000 project repaired small sections of four streets – Moorpark Avenue, South Bascom Avenue, Tully Road, and White Road – in County unincorporated areas. Daily usage of the repaired sections is 70,000 vehicles.

Both transportation projects improved County roadways for hundreds of thousands of users. Our Board continues to appreciate the financial assistance received through the Recovery Act.

Sincerely,

Liz Kniss
President, Board of Supervisors

