

Congressman Ro Khanna (South Fremont)

Hetch-Hetchy Trail Gap Closure Across Scott Creek Rd.

Request Amount: \$3,000,000

Congressional Member Representing the Project Area: Congressman Khanna

Brief Overview of the Project: The project seeks to extend the Hetch-Hetchy Trail to connect neighborhood parks in Fremont and Milpitas with a safe street crossing near and at the intersection of Scott Creek Road and Zinfandel Street. The project improves safety for park users and motorists who cross the heavily traveled Scott Creek Road. The project is being led by the City of Fremont, in partnership with the City of Milpitas, California. Total project cost is \$3.2 million, and the City of Fremont has allocated funds for project planning (\$0.2 million). Request is for \$3 million in federal funds for project design (\$0.6 million) and construction (\$2.4 million).

Quiet Zone Corridor Project (Walnut to Dixon Landing Road)

Request Amount: \$4,000,000

Congressional Member Representing the Project Area: Congressman Khanna

Brief Overview of the Project: The project will improve safety at four railroad crossings in Fremont (3 locations) and Milpitas (1 location) to enable the creation of a railroad quiet zone, consistent with federal regulations, thereby eliminating nighttime noise disturbances for neighborhoods along the railroad corridor due to loud train horn blasts. The project is being led by the City of Fremont, in partnership with the City of Milpitas, California. Total project cost is \$4.2 million, and the City of Fremont has allocated funds for project planning (\$0.2 million). The request is for \$4 million in federal funds for project design (\$1 million) and construction (\$3 million).

Wi-Fi for the City's Community Centers in Irvington and Warm Springs

Request Amount: \$1,972,000

Congressional Member Representing the Project Area: Congressman Khanna

Brief Overview of the Project: The City is seeking to connect its two (2) community centers (Irvington and Warm Springs) to the City's existing fiber backbone to provide free Wi-Fi to these centers and the surrounding park areas. This project, if funded similarly to the City's previous free Wi-Fi expansion effort, will ensure equal access to online resources and reduce the digital divide. Students can complete homework, access educational tools, and participate in virtual learning. Job seekers can use the Internet for applications, training, and interviews. Small businesses and entrepreneurs can work remotely or host community events, and this will ultimately improve the attractiveness of parks and event centers, boosting local engagement.

Congressman Eric Swalwell (North and Central Fremont)

Peralta/Dusterberry Intersection Safety Improvement

Request Amount: \$3,000,000

Congressional Member Representing the Project Area: Congressman Swalwell

Brief Overview of the Project: The project will provide safer pedestrian access to a family-oriented community park from the adjoining low-income neighborhood. A pedestrian fatality occurred at the Peralta/Dusterberry intersection in 2021. Total project cost is \$3.6 million, and the City of Fremont has allocated funding for project design (\$0.5 million) and planning/preliminary engineering (\$0.1 million). The request is for \$3 million in federal funds for project construction.

Improvement of Lake Elizabeth to Support Implementation of the City's Lake Management Plan

Request Amount: \$3,000,000

Congressional Member Representing the Project Area: Congressman Swalwell

Brief Overview of the Project: The City is requesting federal funding support to help effect more meaningful change at the lake by supplementing the City's Lake Management Plan, which will include expanding the existing pilot project and exploring the following: electrical infrastructure improvements, a full-shore planting plan, bird/geese mitigation measures, dredging, water inlet improvements, and considerations for bringing back recreational activities. These improvements will focus on reducing water temperatures and nutrient loads, creating respite spaces (areas of cooler temperatures) for fish, and mitigating impacts due to increasing bird and goose bio-load. With funding support, Lake Elizabeth could transform from a mere flood basin into a healthy, accessible community resource that supports environmental stewardship, community well-being, and long-term sustainability.

Wi-Fi for the City's Community Centers in Centerville, Los Cerritos, and Northgate

Request Amount: \$2,958,000

Congressional Member Representing the Project Area: Congressman Swalwell

Brief Overview of the Project: The City is seeking to connect its three (3) community centers (Centerville, Los Cerritos, and Northgate) to the City's existing fiber backbone to provide free Wi-Fi to these centers and the surrounding park areas. This project, if funded similarly to the City's previous free Wi-Fi expansion effort, will ensure equal access to online resources and reduce the digital divide. Students can complete homework, access educational tools, and participate in virtual learning. Job seekers can use the Internet for applications, training, and interviews. Small businesses and entrepreneurs can work remotely or host community events, and this will ultimately improve the attractiveness of parks and event centers, boosting local engagement.



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March 6, 2026

The Honorable Ro Khanna
United States House of Representatives
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**RE: City of Fremont's Funding Request for the Hetch-Hetchy Trail Gap Closure Project
Letter of Support**

Dear Congressman Khanna:

Improving public safety is among the City of Fremont's core priorities. **As the City continues to work towards that goal, I am pleased to express support for the City of Fremont's Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Community Project Funding (CPF) request of \$3 million for the Hetch-Hetchy Trail Gap Closure Project.**

This project is being led by the City of Fremont, in partnership with the City of Milpitas, California. The total project cost is \$3.2 million, and the City of Fremont has previously allocated \$200,000 towards project planning. The City of Fremont's CPF request of \$3 million will support project design (\$600,000) and construction (\$2.4 million).

The project seeks to extend the existing Hetch-Hetchy Trail in Milpitas into the planned trail and parks system in South Fremont. Notably, this project will close a gap in the regional trail system and provide trail improvements and park amenities within the utility corridor. Further, it will provide traffic safety improvements at the intersection of Scott Creek Road and Zinfandel Street, offering a safe trail crossing that connects the trail system across a high-speed arterial street. The Scott Creek Road corridor has a history of severe injury collisions arising from excessive speeding and experiences high levels of freeway cut-through traffic between I-680 and I-880.

This collaborative project between the City of Fremont and the City of Milpitas will help address the broader community needs relating to public safety and recreation enhancement. Thank you for your consideration of the City of Fremont's CPF request for the project.

Sincerely,

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Raj Salwan
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**RE: City of Fremont's Funding Request for the Quiet Zone Corridor Project
Letter of Support**

Dear Congressman Khanna:

The City of Fremont continuously prioritizes community safety and quality of life. **As the City continues to work towards that goal, I am pleased to express support for the City of Fremont's Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Community Project Funding (CPF) request of \$4 million for the Walnut Avenue to Dixon Landing Road Railroad Corridor Quiet Zone Project.**

This project is being led by the City of Fremont, in partnership with the City of Milpitas, California. Notably, the project seeks to improve safety at four railroad crossings—three in Fremont and one in Milpitas—by implementing supplemental safety measures to establish a railroad quiet zone, consistent with federal regulations. As a result, this project will help eliminate nighttime noise disturbances in neighborhoods along the railroad corridor caused by loud train horn blasts. The total project cost is \$4.2 million, and the City of Fremont has previously allocated \$200,000 towards project planning. The City of Fremont's CPF request of \$4 million is intended to support project design (\$1 million) and construction (\$3 million).

In June 2025, the City of Fremont's City Council approved funding to initiate project planning, which includes coordination among project partners, identification of project scope and cost, and adoption of a "notice of intent" to create a railroad quiet zone by the City of Fremont and the City of Milpitas. The City of Fremont has already hired railroad crossing safety experts to assist with project planning and agency coordination.

I am proud of the steps that the City is taking to address community safety and quality of life, and I look forward to seeing this project advance. Thank you for your consideration of the City of Fremont's CPF request for the project.

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**RE: City of Fremont's Funding Request for Wi-Fi Access at Community Centers
Letter of Support**

Dear Congressman Khanna:

In 2022, the City of Fremont's City Council adopted the Citywide Fiber Optic Master Plan, which outlined various initiatives and guiding principles to expand broadband infrastructure, such as public Wi-Fi access. **As the City continues to achieve success in implementing the Plan, I am pleased to express support for the City of Fremont's Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Community Project Funding (CPF) request for the Wi-Fi access for the City's community centers in Irvington and Warm Springs.**

The City has demonstrated success in expanding public Wi-Fi. In 2025, the City completed a public Wi-Fi expansion project—Access Fremont—to launch a free public Wi-Fi network with 125 access points across six business districts and the Ohlone College area. \$1.5 million in federal funding you previously secured for the City was crucial in making Access Fremont a reality. Since its launch, Access Fremont has supported residents and small businesses who may not otherwise have Wi-Fi access and helped make Fremont a more digitally connected community.

The City is seeking a total of \$1,972,000 to connect these two community centers to the City's existing fiber backbone to provide free Wi-Fi to these centers and the surrounding park areas. This project, if funded similarly to the City's previous free Wi-Fi expansion effort, will help ensure equal access to online resources, reduce the digital divide, and vitalize the local economy. This project features significant benefits to the City of Fremont residents, communities, visitors, and businesses. For example, (1) students can complete homework, access educational tools, and participate in virtual learning; (2) job seekers can complete online applications, training, and interviews; and (3) small businesses and entrepreneurs can work remotely or host community events. As a result, these potential benefits will improve the overall attractiveness of parks and event centers, boosting local engagement.

I am proud of the steps that the City is taking to bridge the digital divide, and I am deeply supportive of the City's ongoing effort to achieve that goal. Thank you for your consideration of the City's CPF request for the project.

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**RE: Funding Request for Peralta/Dusterberry Intersection Safety Improvement Project
Letter of Support**

Dear Congressman Swalwell:

The City of Fremont continuously prioritizes the public safety of our residents and communities, including pedestrians and drivers on roads. As the City continues to work towards that objective, **I am pleased to express support for the City of Fremont's Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Community Project Funding (CPF) request for the Peralta/Dusterberry Intersection Safety Improvement Project.**

The project seeks to provide safer pedestrian access to a family-oriented community park from the adjoining low-income neighborhood, and this effort follows a pedestrian fatality that took place at Fremont's Peralta/Dusterberry intersection in 2021. The total project cost is \$3.6 million, of which the City has previously allocated \$500,000 for project design and \$100,000 for project planning/preliminary engineering. The City is requesting funding to cover the project construction cost of \$3 million through this CPF request, which will help bring this project to the finish line.

The City of Fremont opened the new Dusterberry Community Park in 2023, serving a growing community of affordable housing within a formerly industrial area. The street infrastructure around the park is outdated and auto-oriented. The City is working to transform these streets to be more neighborhood-friendly and to support walking and bicycling to and from the park and throughout the neighborhood. Features of the project include replacing the old traffic signals with a roundabout, adding pedestrian flashing beacons, and installing landscaping to improve safety, reduce traffic speeds, and enhance aesthetics.

I am proud of the steps that the City is taking to address traffic and road safety, and I look forward to seeing this project advance. Thank you for your consideration of the City's CPF request for the project.

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**RE: Funding Request for the Lake Elizabeth Improvement Project
Letter of Support**

Dear Congressman Swalwell:

Lake Elizabeth in the City of Fremont is an invaluable, vital asset for the City and our communities—residents and visitors can bike or walk around the lake’s perimeter and explore various fish species. **As the City continues its effort to maintain and protect Lake Elizabeth, I am proud to express support for the City of Fremont’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Community Project Funding (CPF) request of \$3 million for the Lake Elizabeth Improvement Project.** This project will help support the implementation of the City’s Lake Management Plan.

Lake Elizabeth is an 83-acre freshwater lake that serves important dual purposes: flood control and stormwater storage for the surrounding area. In addition to its infrastructure role, the lake has served as a community centerpiece for recreation and environmental education. The lake is owned by the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (ACFCD) and operated under license by the City of Fremont.

In July 2024, the City experienced a significant fish die-off in the lake during the July 4 holiday, prompting an emergency cleanup effort. Post-cleanup analysis found that the event was caused by a combination of shallow lake depth and extreme heat, which led to a drop in oxygen levels unsuitable for aquatic life. Over time, the water quality has also continued to decrease due to elevated bio-load from geese. Due to these ongoing conditions, Lake Elizabeth has been closed to recreational boating since 2019 because of poor water quality and unsafe lake depths. Many residents continue to recall and request the return of sailing and other boating activities.

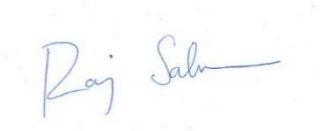
In response, the City of Fremont is currently conducting a request for proposals (RFP) for a Lake Management Plan. The City’s primary goal is to improve Lake Elizabeth’s water quality and prevent future fish die-off events. To better understand and address these challenges, the City has funded a water quality improvement pilot project to monitor and stabilize water temperatures and maintain healthy oxygen levels. The pilot project includes the following measures:

- 3 vegetated floating islands that provide vital shaded shelters for fish and create new habitats for both aquatic and land-based organisms;
- 1 fountain and 2 aerators that help stabilize water temperatures, keep the water oxygenated, and improve water circulation to prevent algae growth; and
- 3 monitoring probes that collect real-time data to measure the efficacy of the measures on the stabilization of lake temperature and oxygen levels.

The 2024 fish die-off event spurred an immediate response from the City, with limited resources to address the issue. While the pilot project described above was implemented with modest investment, the scale of the issue and the associated challenges require a more comprehensive, long-term approach. The City is seeking a federal CPF of \$3 million to help bring a more meaningful change at the lake by supplementing the City's Lake Management Plan, which will include expanding the existing pilot project and exploring the following: electrical infrastructure improvements, a full-shore planting plan, bird/geese mitigation measures, dredging, water inlet improvements, and considerations for bringing back recreational activities. These improvements will focus on reducing water temperatures and nutrient loads, creating respite spaces (areas of cooler temperatures) for fish, and mitigating impacts due to increasing bird and goose bio-load.

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