

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

March 27, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for safety improvements on Atherton Street. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Long Beach, located at 411 West Ocean Blvd, Long Beach CA, 90802.

This project will deliver a new pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Atherton Street and Britton Drive to address documented pedestrian demand and improve safety outcomes consistent with the City's Vision Zero framework. The project will also replace the existing traffic signal hardware with modern equipment that includes protected left turn arrows to reduce the risk of collisions involving turning vehicles and pedestrians in the crosswalks.

These measures will provide about additional safety measures for pedestrians, business owners, students, and drivers of the area. This needed traffic safety measures also align strongly with the City's Vision Zero approach to prioritize street safety and prevent fatal and severe injury crashes. Additionally, significant community support for these improvements has been communicated to the City's Public Works department at public meetings.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Garcia
Member of Congress