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Morgan Hill Gets Funding to Advance Transportation Solutions

Morgan Hill, CA— (April 15, 2024) The City of Morgan Hill advances transportation solutions with Federal funding earmarks thanks to Senator Zoe Lofgren. The <u>announcement</u> issued in March by Lofgren's office claims \$50 million of Federal funds to support projects in California. Morgan Hill is poised to receive seed money to advance the following projects:

Morgan Hill Grade Separations (City of Morgan Hill) – \$1,000,000

This funding will be used to design roadway grade separations associated with the future California High-Speed Rail System. While the City of Morgan Hill has strongly opposed the High-Speed Rail alignment coming through the center of Morgan Hill, City officials continue to make contingency plans should the State move forward with the project in the future. The design of future grade separations would be used to advocate and plan for High-Speed Rail crossings that would otherwise come through City roadways at the street level. Grade separations would be a critical infrastructure investment to ensure pedestrian connectivity, traffic flow, and emergency vehicle response.

Morgan Hill 101 Expansion (City of Morgan Hill) - \$500,000

The City will use this funding in partnership with the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to support continued planning work for the expansion of Highway 101 from Cochrane Road through Morgan Hill. While this project will require significant funding, this initial funding will assist the City and VTA in the planning work required to ensure the project begins moving forward from a planning and environmental perspective.

Morgan Hill Quiet Zones (City of Morgan Hill) - \$500,000

Funding for future quiet zones is intended to design and install equipment at railroad crossings near the Downtown. Quiet Zones allow trains to pass by roadways without using horns and disturbing adjacent residents. Initially, funding will be used to begin design and permit work that will allow the City to implement quiet zones within Morgan Hill.

"While the City needs to take various steps to secure the funding, and while the funding allocations do not fully fund the projects, the City of Morgan Hill is grateful for Congresswoman Lofgren's advocating and securing the initial funding that will allow us to begin the long process of implementing these significant public works and infrastructure improvements," said City Manager, Christina Turner.