Children's Home of Easton's effort to consolidate various locations into one centralized site while expanding services. The Center will include 2 therapy rooms for clinical staff, a family lounge, an activity area and a landscaped courtyard.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division I: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, Account: Transportation, Community and System Preservation, Title: Old Allentown Streetscape Improvements, PA, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Allentown, Address of Requesting Entity: 435 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101, Description of Request: The project will provide streetscape improvements for an urban historic district within the City of Allentown that is experiencing infrastructure deterioration. Improvements will include curbing and sidewalk replacement and the installation of decorative street trees, ADA compliant handicap ramps, and street pace for improved safety at busy crosswalks.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division I: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, Account: Economic Development Initiative, Title: Renovation of a warehouse into a modern facility that will provide services in health, education, social services and community development, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Casa Guadalupe Center, Address of Requesting Entity: 143 Street, Allentown, PA 18101, Description of Request: The project will rehabilitate a neighborhood warehouse into a modern facility that will provide services in health, education, social services and community development. The renovated warehouse will become a community building that will combine recreation, community activities, employment training for young adults and a health clinic for uninsured or underinsured individuals.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division I: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, Account: Economic Development Initiative, Title: Establishment of a facility designed to offer specialized therapy and counseling services to children and their families, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Children's Home of Easton, Address of Requesting Entity: 2000 South 25th Street, Easton, PA 18042, Description of Request: The project will allow for the construction of a 1,600 square foot facility designed to offer specialized therapy and counseling services to youth ages 9 to 21. This will facilitate Children's Home of Easton's effort to consolidate various locations into one centralized site while expanding services. The Center will provide $500,000 (22%) for the local cost share. The San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority of California will provide a minimum of a 35% cost share. The San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority is authorized to provide up to 85% of the cost share, and the local cost share is capped at $20 million, which is less than 10% of the total cost of the project.
Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER
Bill Number: H.R. 1105, FY09 Omnibus Appropriations Act
Account: Small Business Administration
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fairplex
Address of Requesting Entity: 1101 West McKinley Avenue, Pomona, CA 91768
Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $300,000 for the construction of the Fairplex Trade and Conference Center, an 85,000 square foot, state-of-the-art conference and exhibition center, complete with broadband connectivity, campus-wide wireless integration as well as satellite two-way communications geared to attracting and benefitting small businesses. The project is sited in the country’s third largest non-port Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) and will provide the ability to display and demonstrate goods and services to international markets via established channels with the local economic council and the areas universities. 100 % of the funds will be utilized for ongoing construction of the center. The majority of the total cost of the project is from non-federal sources including Fairplex (a non-profit organization), the City of Pomona, Los Angeles County, private donations and competitive grants. This project is consistent with the mission of the Small Business Administration.

DIVISION E

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER
Bill Number: H.R. 1105, FY09 Omnibus Appropriations Act
Account: EPA STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Arcadia, California
Address of Requesting Entity: 240 West Huntington Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007
Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $500,000 for the cities of Arcadia and Sierra Madre for their Joint Water Infrastructure Projects. Arcadia’s project will provide for the finalization of the design and a share of the construction cost for the Baldwin Reservoir Rehabilitation Project. Approximately $50,000 is for design finalization; and the remaining $200,000 for a portion of the construction cost of the project. For Sierra Madre’s projects, approximately $150,000 will be for the design of a Water Supply Well to replace an existing well with a new high capacity well, and $100,000 for the replacement of undersized water transmission and distribution pipelines to improve water reliability. Each city will provide a 45% local match to the 55% EPA STAG funding, as required.

DIVISION F

Requesting member: Congressman DAVID DREIER
Bill Number: H.R. 1105, FY09 Omnibus Appropriations Act
Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services
Legal Name of requesting entity: San Antonio Community Hospital
Address of requesting Entity: 999 San Bernardino Road, Upland, CA 91786
Description of request: Provide an earmark of $761,000 to create a new cardiac catheterization laboratory using digital imaging for cardiovascular diagnosis and intervention. The cost of three new cardiac catheterization and cardiovascular imaging and intervention machines is approximately $2.8 million. 100% of the funding will help purchase one of the new machines, which costs $989,895. San Antonio Community Hospital will provide the remaining 24% of the cost of this machine. 100% of the community support through donations and from operating income. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Health Resources and Services Administration account.

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER
Bill Number: H.R. 1105, FY09 Omnibus Appropriations Act
Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Methodist Hospital of Southern California
Address of Requesting Entity: 300 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007
Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $904,000 for construction of the new patient tower project. Approximately $768,000 will be used for equipment and IT, including $335,000 for ultrasonic machines, $114,000 for MRSA detection, $106,000 for IT hardware and software and $213,000 for IT equipment. The remaining $136,000 will be used for construction. Hospital reserves and debt financing will fund $125 million of the patient tower project. The build-out and equipping of the Emergency Department depends on grants and philanthropic support from the community. A fundraising campaign to raise $25 million was launched with $24.4 million in grandparents received to date. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Health Resources and Services Administration account.

DIVISION I

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER
Bill Number: HR 1105, FY09 Omnibus Appropriations Act
Account: Buses and Bus Facilities
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Monrovia, CA
Address of Requesting Entity: 415 S. Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016
Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $237,000 for the Station Square Transit Village bus layover and park and ride project. 100% of the funds will be used to acquire property for the bus layover facility and prepare plans for its construction as well as providing adequate pedestrian access to the site. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of Buses and Bus Facilities funds. The City of Monrovia will provide the 20% local match for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER
Bill Number: H.R. 1105, FY09 Omnibus Appropriations Act
Account: Interstate Maintenance Account
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Rancho Cucamonga, CA
Address of Requesting Entity: 10500 Civic Center Drive, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730
Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $712,500 for the construction of the I-15/Base Line Road interchange improvement project. 100% of the funding will be used for construction of the interchange which includes two new bridge structures for the southbound on/off ramps, a loop ramp for westbound Base Line Road to southbound I–15, and the widening of the on and off ramps on the east side. The project also improves East Avenue to provide curb, gutter, and sidewalks, as well as the widening of the Base Line Road to provide left turn lanes for eastbound Base Line Road to the northbound I–15. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Federal Highway Administration Interstate Maintenance Discretionary Program. The City of Rancho Cucamonga is providing over 70% of the total cost of the project, as a local match, through the following funding sources: $9,800,000 from Development Impact Fees; $9,200,000 from the Rancho Cucamonga Redevelopment Agency; $9,800,000 from Measure I Funds and $4,600,000 from the City of Fontana.

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER
Bill Number: H.R. 1105, FY09 Omnibus Appropriations Act
Account: Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Foothill Transit
Address of Requesting Entity: 100 S. Vincent Street, Suite 200, West Covina, CA 91790
Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $1,187,500 to replace diesel buses with cleaner burning compressed natural gas (CNG) buses, and continue Foothill Transit’s efforts to convert its entire 314-bus fleet to CNG. 100% of the funds will be used for CNG bus procurement. The total budget for this project is $20.6 million, of which approximately 25% will derive from state and local funding sources, including MOSIP ( Municipal Operator Service Improvement Program) and Prop B (both local), and STA (State Transit Assistance).

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER
Bill Number: H.R. 1105, FY09 Omnibus Appropriations Act
Account: Surface Transportation Priorities, Grade Crossings on Designated High Speed Rail Corridors
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority
Address of Requesting Entity: 4900 Rivergate Road, Suite A120, Irwindale, CA 91706
Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $1,235,000 for the construction of a two-mile railroad trench to grade separate four rail/highway crossings in the City of San Gabriel, CA (San Gabriel Trench Project). 100% of the funding will be used for the construction of the San Gabriel Trench. This federal funding provides the match for the approximately $388,564,000 (70% of Total Project Cost) in California State and Local funding already committed to the Project. In addition, provide an earmark of $570,000 to be used to support the construction of the San Gabriel Trench Project and other Alameda Corridor-East grade separation projects by the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority. 100% of the funding will be used to support the construction of the aforementioned projects.

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER
Bill Number: H.R. 1105, FY09 Omnibus Appropriations Act
Account: Surface Transportation Priorities
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Metro
Address of Requesting Entity: 1051 W. 7th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90014
Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $1,900,000 for the construction of Foothill Station in San Gabriel. 75% of the funding will be used for the construction of the station, and 25% for the acquisition of property for the station. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Federal Highway Administration Interstate Maintenance Discretionary Program. The City of San Gabriel is providing over 25% of the total cost of the project, as a local match, through the following funding sources: $330,000 from Measure I Funds; $700,000 from local funds; and $900,000 from other local funds.
Address of Requesting Entity: 406 E. Huntington Drive, Suite 202, Monrovia, CA 91016

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of $237,500 to complete an assessment of Transit Oriented Development (TOD) along Phase II of the Gold Line Foothill Extension. Approximately, 30% or 42% is for economic analysis; $100,000 or 42% for engineering; and $37,500 or 16% for environmental assessment. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Surface Transportation Priorities account. This funding will complete the TOD study. The Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority will provide a minimum of a 20% local cost share with local funds.

NATIONAL PEACE CORPS WEEK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of our nation’s Peace Corps volunteers in honor of National Peace Corps Week. Since the establishment by President John F. Kennedy in 1961, more than 195,000 U.S. Citizens have served their country in the cause of peace by living and working in 139 countries throughout the world. Each Volunteer sent out into the field represents another opportunity to dispel myths about the United States of America. These individuals meet their need for trained men and women, and to create lasting bonds of friendship with host country citizens. Volunteers are currently providing expertise and development assistance to 76 countries and are working to find common ways to address global challenges. These Volunteers share their time and talent serving as teachers, business advisors, information technology consultants, agriculture and environmental specialists, and health and HIV/AIDS educators. The Peace Corps has become a leader of the world’s commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity, and expand development at the grassroots level in the developing world.

I would like to commend our proud nation’s Peace Corps volunteers for their service, particularly those 58 men and women of the Eleventh Congressional District of Virginia who are currently serving as volunteers: Lauryn Alleva, Alfred Baldwin, Anne Berwick, Albert Bond, Erica Brouillette, Casey Burke, Daniel Cassiday, Alexander Chidakel, Kelly Connors, Rhiannon Cooper, David Coscia, Eric Crowder, Kevin Dansereau, Ryan Dickriede, David Doane, Scott Estep, Brian Fries, Evan Gay, Jeffrey Gilleo, Nathan Graham, Jonathan Styron, Mary Thur, Rachel Vanderburg, Amy Vaughters, Christine Wahle, Joshua Wayland, Jessica West, Clemens Weygandt, Courtney Wong, and Dale Yurovich. I consider it a great honor to represent these noble men and women, who travel great distances and make great sacrifices to help reaffirm our country’s commitment to helping people help themselves throughout the world.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to acknowledge the thousands of Americans who serve and have served as Peace Corps Volunteers. They are a great credit to our country, and we should applaud them.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I receive as part of the FY 2009 Omnibus. Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: FHWA Transportation, Community, and System Preservation (TCSP) program account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Santa Rosa County, Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 6495 Caroline St., Suite M, Milton, FL 32570

Description of Request: $475,000—Four Lane-PD&E Study, State Road 87 in Santa Rosa County, Florida. I requested these funds to expand the Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) study phase for SR 87. The study would include a triangular study area defined by the following three points: 1) north of Clear Creek Bridge on SR 87 near NAS Whiting Field, 2) the intersection of US 90/Glover Lane, and 3) the intersection of US 90/ SR 87 South. The justification is fivefold: 1) to complete the regional corridor from the Gulf Coast to the Alabama State Line with an ultimate goal to connect to I-65 in Alabama; 2) to provide four lanes of capacity for South Santa Rosa hurricane evacuation and recovery along the only road which is open when the US 98, US 90, I-10, and SR 281 bridges are impassable; 3) to provide for economic development among existing and planned industrial/commercial facilities and tourism attractions that lie along SR 87; 4) to support the Hurburt Field and Eglin Air Force Base military missions of national significance; and 5) to solve the current evacuation time. The Preliminary Engineering Study was done in 1995 and 60 improvements, and widening.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Walton County, Florida. I requested funds from the FHWA Transportation, Community and System Preservation (TCSP) Program. This funding would help provide for construction and upgrade of these roadways. Both roads serve as an ingress/egress into an industrial airpark/airport/military contractor complex. The roads are in need of paving, drainage improvements, and widening.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Okaloosa County, Florida, located at 1804 Lewis Turner Boulevard, Suite 400, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Consistent with the Republican Leadership’s policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended for a “front” or “pass through” entity; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: FHWA Transportation, Community, and System Preservation (TCSP) Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Okaloosa County, Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 1804 Lewis Turner Boulevard, Suite 400, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547

Description of Request: $95,000—Okaloosa County Improvements to Fairchild Road and Hare Street, Florida. I requested funding from the FHWA Transportation, Community and System Preservation (TCSP) Program. This funding would help provide for construction and upgrades of these roadways. These roads serve as an ingress/egress into an industrial airpark/airport/military contractor complex. The roads are in need of paving, drainage improvements, and widening.

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