



March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

The Honorable Alex Padilla

U.S. Senate

331 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Padilla:

On behalf of the City of Santa Rosa (City), I would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit our Fiscal Year 2027 Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) Request for rehabilitation of City of Santa Rosa's Storm Water Management Project (Project), located in the City's most vulnerable community. This project aligns with the City Council's commitment to strategically prioritizing the maintenance and development of City infrastructure and protecting the health and safety of our community.

This Stormwater Management Project aims to enhance stormwater management infrastructure in the Roseland Area of Santa Rosa, designated as a local Equity Priority Area. The designation is based on the top quartile of Sonoma County's underserved populations, as identified by people of color and low-income groups in the American Survey (Census ACS 2015-2019), and is also recognized as a Disadvantaged Community (DAC).

The Project would include the construction of approximately 1,900 linear feet of new storm drain pipe, new catch basins, and Low Impact Development features (as needed), to provide a level of storm drain design that would meet current design standards and alleviate repeated localized inundation in the area. The Project would also reduce the occurrence of localized flooding, which currently occurs during small storm events, including along a primary evacuation route of Sebastopol Road. This will reduce safety hazards to drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians, and protect homes and businesses from damage.

The Project was one of the critical recommended improvements outlined in the Santa Rosa Roseland Area/Sebastopol Road Specific Plan dated November 2016, a plan developed by numerous City staff, hired consultants, and, perhaps most importantly, a steering committee comprised of plan area residents, business owners, and community members. The Project will connect an existing storm drain to pipe infrastructure on Sebastopol Road, and construct a new pipe down McMinn Avenue to an outfall at Roseland creek.



A FY 27 funding would allow the City to construct the project and provide greatly improved drainage along the primary evacuation route of Sebastopol Road, McMinn Avenue, and for the residents, businesses, and property owners in this Disadvantaged Community.

Thank you for your continued support for the City of Santa Rosa's federal priorities and consideration of supporting Santa Rosa's Stormwater Management Project. With your support, this Project will protect public health and the environment, reduce the risk of localized flooding, and reduce safety hazards to drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

If any questions arise, please contact Santa Rosa's Assistant City Manager Jason Nutt at:

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Regards,

Mark Stapp - City of Santa Rosa Mayor

*Thank you, Senator!*