

project will focus on the construction of the middle segment from US 36 to CR100S over the Avon CSX rail yards, and the design of the adjoining segment from CR100S to CR200S, completing the southern linkage of the road.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVE BUYER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Transportation and Community and System Preservation Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Johnson County, IN

Address of Requesting Entity: 86 West Court Street, Franklin, IN 46131

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$237,500 for construction of an interchange at the intersection of 1-65 and County Road 750 North (a.k.a. Worthsville Road) in Johnson County, Indiana. This Project will ultimately increase connectivity between major north-south corridors on the south-side of Indianapolis by providing a specific route for through-traffic traveling between these north-south roads.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009:

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Health Resources and Services (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sarasota County

Address of Requesting Entity: 1660 Ringling Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34236

Description of Request: I secured \$190,000 for a Health Facility in Englewood, Florida. Sarasota County is seeking to construct a new health facility in the community of Englewood. The facility will be located in the southern most portion of Sarasota County and will serve the residents of both Sarasota and Charlotte counties. The facility will improve access to health care and a variety of human and social services programs for residents.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Corp of Engineers—Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Sarasota

Address of Requesting Entity: 1565 First Street, Sarasota, FL 34236

Description of Request: I secured \$150,000 for Lido Key beach re-nourishment. The middle portion of Lido Key Beach is the most seriously eroded segment. This section of beach is generally very narrow due to the ongoing erosion problem, which has been accelerated by several storms from 1982 to the present. As a result, the damage to Lido Key Beach and adjacent structures from even moderate storms has increased and greater losses can be expected from future storms. The beach loses an average of almost 11 feet of width each year.

In a Reconnaissance study report approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in May of 1997, the Corps found that the Lido Key Beach Nourishment project "is technically sound, economically justified, and socially and environmentally acceptable." The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has recommended the nourishment of 1.56 miles of shoreline. Ratios in excess of 1 to 1 are required for the Corps to find that a proposed shoreline protection project meets its national economic benefit test.

The project was fully authorized by Section 364 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999, P.L. 106-53.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Manatee County

Address of Requesting Entity: 1112 Manatee Ave W. Bradenton, FL 34205

Description of Request: I secured \$3,828,000 for Wares Creek Flood and Coastal Storm Damage Project. The Wares Creek Project involves dredging approximately three miles of the waterway for flood control purposes. It seeks to extinguish "muck and sediment" from the mouth of the creek. The project was initially authorized in the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 and is endorsed by the Manatee County Commissioners. It received \$4.7 million in funds last year from the Omnibus Appropriation bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Corps of Engineers—Operations & Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: West Coast Inland Navigational District

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 East Miami Avenue, Venice, FL 34285

Description of Request: I secured \$2,076,000 for the West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) under the Army Corps of Engineers, Operation and Maintenance account for maintenance dredging of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW), (a.k.a. Intra-coastal Waterway, Caloosahatchee River to Anclote River), Florida.

The areas in need of maintenance dredging include Longboat Pass (Manatee County), Venice Inlet (Sarasota County), mouth of Caloosahatchee River (Miserable Mile in Lee County), and the Boca Grande Bayou area (Miller's Marina in Lee County) of the GICW. With the Committee's help, Congress appropriated \$1.4 million (FY'04 & FY'05 combined) for the required design, engineering, permitting, and initial dredging for these projects.

In 1945, in the Rivers and Harbors Act, Congress authorized the GICW to be maintained at a width of 100-feet, and a depth of nine-feet between the mouth of the Caloosahatchee River, near Ft. Myers, and the Anclote River, north of Tampa. The GICW channel runs through six counties (Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, and Lee) and links natural deep-water sections of bays through a series of man-made channels, thereby providing for the safe passage of commercial goods, and access to commercial fishing grounds. Dredging of the GICW commenced in 1960 and was completed in 1967, at which time the WCIND began maintenance activities.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. MCKEON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding Member priority requests I received as part of H.R. 1105, the "Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009."

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

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

Account: Department of Justice, Juvenile Justice Programs

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The City of Victorville

Address of Requesting Entity: 14343 Civic Drive, PO Box 5001, Victorville, CA 92393

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$82,500 to assist with the Uturn Gang Prevention Program evaluation and assessment component. Uturn Gang Prevention Program will focus on elementary school age at-risk youth, along with their immediate families. The focal point will be three areas of accountability: home, school and community. The Uturn program aims to work with at-risk families willing to make a two-year commitment to involvement in services. The goal is to develop at risk children's full personal potential so that they will not be attracted to gang involvement.

The City of Victorville will contract evaluation and assessment services through California State University San Bernardino, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Department of Social Work. Evaluation and assessment services will track participants' behavioral changes, school attendance, communication skills, academic trends, family involvement, and communication skill sets.

Ultimately this program will evaluate and assess the individual and collective development of the youth and families. This program will enhance the family structure and strengthen values. The progress of the program participants will be tracked every 6 months for a two year period insuring behavioral, emotional and family stability. The success of the program insuring gang life will be less attractive and irrelevant to the youth.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

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

Account: Department of Justice, Law Enforcement and Interoperable Program (COPS Technology)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Palmdale, California

Address of Requesting Entity: 38300 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, CA 93550

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$100,000 for the City of Palmdale's Technology Acquisition for Joint Law Enforcement Emergency Operations Center. The City of Palmdale is vulnerable to earthquake and fire disasters, which have been identified in the City's local hazard mitigation plan. While the City has an emergency operations center, it is currently inadequate to accommodate a full-scale deployment of staffing to respond to a catastrophic event.

Additionally, the City's contract law enforcement agency, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, does not currently have a departmental operations center that is adequate to service their needs in a disaster. The new site will allow the City flexibility in its response, a larger facility to accommodate joint operations between the City of Palmdale, the Los Angeles County Fire Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. This project will allow the City of Palmdale to better respond to natural or man-made disasters. It will provide an alternate facility to be jointly used by the City, law, and fire branches.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009 Account: Department of Justice, Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: CASA of Los Angeles County

Address of Requesting Entity: CASA of Los Angeles County, Lancaster office, 1040 West Avenue J, Room 1130 Lancaster, CA 93534-3329

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$300,000 for the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Los Angeles County Lancaster program. The funding is specifically to recruit and train additional CASA volunteers to provide advocacy services to 120 additional abused and neglected foster children in the Antelope Valley area. CASA of Los Angeles County will provide any required match for this program.

CASA of Los Angeles services the needs of abused and neglected children in the foster care system through the recruitment, training, supervision and support of community volunteers who investigate the circumstances of each child, facilitate the provisions of services, monitor compliance with the orders of the court and advocate for the best interests of the child.

Requesting Member: Congressman Howard P. "BUCK" MCKEON

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

Account: Environmental Protection Agency, State and Tribal Assistance Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The City of Barstow

Address of Requesting Entity: 220 East Mountain View Street, Suite A, Barstow, CA 92311

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$500,000 to assist with the City of Barstow Sewer Master Plan Implementation, Phase II. This project involves constructing de-nitrification facilities at the City's wastewater reclamation facility (WRF) to reduce effluent nitrate levels and expand and upgrade the WRF from a secondary to a tertiary treatment facility. This project is critical to reducing the amount of nitrate pollution generated by the City's WRF and mitigating the overdraft of the Mojave River basin, the Southern California High Desert Region's sole natural source of water. In FY08, the City of Barstow received \$500,000 to partially fund the de-nitrification facility construction. The FY09 funding will be used to fund the balance of the construction of the de-nitrification facility. The City of Barstow will provide a minimum of a 50/50 cost share for the remaining funding.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

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

Account: USDA Forest Service, Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pacific Crest Trail Association

Address of Requesting Entity: 5325 Elkhorn Blvd., PMB 256, Sacramento, CA 95842

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$500,000 to assist the Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) with land acquisition to protect public access to the The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). Land acquisition would occur in the following areas: Agua Dulce/Soledad Canyon, CA to relocate the trail off dangerous roadway, Pilot Rock, OR to acquire privately owned parcels from willing sellers within the Cascade Siskiyou National Monument that include the PCT, Plum Creek Timberlands, WA to protect the trail corridor from development pressures, Tejon Ranch, CA to reroute the trail from the temporary Mojave Desert route to the originally proposed crest route, and for program administration.

The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) is the western treasure of America's scenic trails, spanning 2,650 miles from Mexico to Canada through California, Oregon and Washington. Thousands of hikers and equestrians enjoy this national treasure each year. The need for federal assistance is apparent as the PCT crosses or is near 26 National Forests, 7 National Parks, 5 State Parks, 4 Bureau of Land Management resource areas, and several state and county parks and has been a part of the National Trail System since October 2, 1968.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

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

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Healthcare Resources Service Agency

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 23845 McBean Parkway, Valencia, CA 91355

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$333,000 to assist Henry Mayo Hospital with the design and construction of a helipad at the hospital necessary to provide emergency care for over 680 square miles of the diverse geography of north Los Angeles County, which is one of the fastest growing communities in the nation. Funding will allow the hospital to maintain its relationship with L.A. County trauma system also assist with flight safety and efficiency upgrades to existing infrastructure.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

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

Account: Department of Education, Higher Education Account (FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: College of the Canyons

Address of Requesting Entity: 26455 Rockwell Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91355, USA

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$238,000 to increase access to higher education and advanced training through The College of the Canyons University Center Consortium. The Consortium will support economic development by providing advanced education

and training for the local work force, making the State of California a more competitive and stable area. Single parents and working adults who must commute to other areas in which universities are located, often experience barriers to pursuing education including childcare, work schedules and geographic barriers.

The University Center Consortium was created to create model programs to remove these barriers. The consortium is requesting funding to increase the number of bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs available in participating communities by 50 within 3 years, increase the number of students pursuing their higher education degree to more than 1,000 annually within 3 years, disseminate specific information on the University Center model including evaluation of best practices to at least 100 colleges annually, further development of University Centers at College of the Canyons, Cañada College, and Shasta College, develop model agreements, handbooks, and planning documents that can be shared with any interested college statewide and nationally, evaluate characteristics of successful university centers within the context of local community needs and disseminate information about successful practices through the Web, an annual conference for colleges with existing programs as well as colleges interested in developing new programs, and University Center Briefs highlighting challenges, experiences and best practices.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

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

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Healthcare Resources Service Agency

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Victor Valley Community Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 15248 11th St. Victorville, CA 92395

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$143,000 to assist Victor Valley Community Hospital with a Healthcare Modernization and Technical Advancements program. Specifically funding will purchase MRI Equipment, CT Scan equipment, and help cover Integration and Implementation, personnel, and training costs. Furthermore, the funding would be used for advanced services such as arthritis care, behavioral health and counseling, community wellness programs, poison control, and senior health services.

The hospital would like to improve access to state-of-the art healthcare for members of the community. As such, modernization and advancement is required to ensure the residents of the Victor Valley receive quality medical treatment in a timely fashion.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

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

Account: Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Surface Transportation Projects

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Palmdale, California

Address of Requesting Entity: 38300 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, CA 93550

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$475,000 to help the City of Palmdale, CA complete Phase I of the Rancho Vista Boulevard (Avenue P) project, which is a regionally

significant transportation corridor that provides primary access to Palmdale Regional Airport and U.S. Air Force Plant 42. The City of Palmdale will use the federal funds for construction to increase safety and capacity of a 2.7-mile section of Rancho Vista Boulevard between SR-14 and 20th Street East; specifically the highly congested 3/4-mile section between 3rd Street East and 10th Street East. Project is in the RTIP/FTIP. Federal funds have been used in design, and additional Federal funds, in the amount of \$2.8 million (SAFETEA-LU), have already been secured for construction of Phase One. In addition, Phase I local funds include approximately \$240,000 in Local funds and approximately \$343,000 in STP-L (State Transportation Program—Local federal-aid funds), from FFY 2002–03 through FFY 2006–07, with additional \$400,000 programmed in FFY 07–08, will be expended in design, environmental documentation, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation and railroad coordination.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

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

Account: Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Transportation and Community and Systems Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The City of Barstow

Address of Requesting Entity: 220 East Mountain View Street, Suite A, Barstow, CA 92311

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$237,500 to assist with the City of Barstow Lenwood Road Grade Separation Project. This \$23 million multi-year project involves the design and construction of a grade-separated railroad crossing to eliminate time delays experienced by vehicular traffic. The Lenwood Road Grade Separation project is a key component of the Alameda Corridor East Grade Separation Project, a national goods movement plan for the movement of goods from the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. The funding received in FY09 will be used to start up the preliminary engineering and environmental assessment components of the project, totaling \$1.6 million. The City of Barstow will provide a minimum of a 50/50 cost share for the remaining \$23 million, and this funding will come directly from the City, San Bernardino County, and other local government agencies.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

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

Account: Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, Bus and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Palmdale, California

Address of Requesting Entity: 38300 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, CA 93550

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$380,000 for the City of Palmdale's Transportation Center to expand the train platform to accommodate the need for additional Metrolink train cars. The project provides for an extension of the existing Metrolink platform by 170 feet, from 510 feet to 680 feet, to conform to current Metrolink standards, which were adopted after construction of the center.

Construction of 170 feet of platform would also include shelters, lighting, signage and drainage. Since 2005, the number of visitors has increased dramatically, especially Metrolink train riders. It is estimated that the train riders occupy 80% of the available parking spaces at the Center (approximately 600 of the 730 spaces).

Metrolink estimates that there are 6,100 riders during the weekday and that number is anticipated to grow 6–8% each year, necessitating additional train cars. Currently the train platform can only accommodate 6 Metrolink train cars (which is the current configuration for this line), while the latest standards call for a train platform to accommodate 8 train cars (the platform was constructed to Metrolink's standards in effect at the time). Local funding for the project includes: \$5.64 million from Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro); \$320,000 from Antelope Valley Air Quality District; \$208,000 from Antelope Valley Transit Authority; \$200,000 from Los Angeles County; and \$129,000 from Antelope Valley Union High School District.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

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

Account: Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Training and Employment Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Palmdale, California

Address of Requesting Entity: 38300 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, CA 93550

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$238,000 for the City of Palmdale and the South Valley WorkSource Center (SVWC) to further develop and fully implement the second year of the Business Resource Network. In early 2008, the City of Palmdale was notified of being awarded \$147,000 (\$360,000 was requested) toward the first year start-up of this program. It is an economic development support program that will connect area small businesses to organized public and private business resources offered by the South Valley WorkSource, Business Advisory Board, private sector partners, business and economic development organizations, educational institutions, City Government Business Outreach Department, and Department of Rehabilitation. This project will address the need to increase and augment business recruitment and retention of small businesses (1 to 25 employees) in the City of Palmdale and surrounding areas. The project will enhance connections between area firms and available public and private business resources, which are designed to increase worker skills preparedness, reduce the potential for employee lay-offs and business closures, and promote continuing local economic development and growth.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

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

Account: Department of the Interior, Environmental Protection Agency, State and Tribal Assistant Grants, Training and Employment Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

Address of Requesting Entity: 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, CA 91803-1331

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$900,000 for the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works consisting to construct Phase 1B of the North Los Angeles County Regional Recycled Water Project (Regional Project). Approximately 8.5 miles of 24-inch-diameter recycled water pipeline, a 1.5 million-gallon storage reservoir, and a pump station will be constructed to add to Phase IA of the Regional Project that was previously constructed cooperatively by the City of Lancaster and Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley (District). Phase 1B will add a recycled water pipeline that runs along Division Street to Avenue K, along Sierra Highway to Rancho Vista Boulevard, and along Rancho Vista Boulevard to 10th Street West. The storage reservoir will be constructed at an existing tank site near Rancho Vista Boulevard and 10th Street West, and the pump station will be constructed near Avenue E and Division Street.

Phase 1B represents a critical component of the estimated \$120 million Regional Project to construct a recycled water backbone distribution system to serve the cities of Lancaster, Palmdale, and surrounding unincorporated communities in the Antelope Valley. Phase 1B includes the necessary infrastructure to serve recycled water to customers with identified uses for 2 billion gallons of recycled water per year. The beneficial use of recycled water will increase the reliability of the Antelope Valley's limited water supplies, decrease reliance on imported water and local groundwater supplies, and provide a viable means for reusing treated wastewater.

The County's request for the project will be matched by \$17.5 million in non-Federal funds.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

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

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA)

Address of Requesting Entity: 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$1.148 million to implement the cleanup of perchlorate groundwater contamination at the former Whittaker-Bermite site in the City of Santa Clarita. Characterization studies and treatment system design have been completed by December 2008 and commencement of operations to clean up the contaminated groundwater from the wells is anticipated to start by January 2009. CLWA will provide in-kind services amounting to at least \$2,156,000. This project was authorized as part of H.R. 1495, the Water Resources Development Act of 2007, and has received a total of \$10,651,000 from FY 2001–FY 2008.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

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

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The City of Santa Clarita

Address of Requesting Entity: 23920 Valencia Blvd. #300 Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling

\$239,000 to continue with the initial Project Management Plan component of the Feasibility Phase of the Santa Clara River Study being conducted with the Army Corps of Engineers. Work being funded would include a groundwater characterization study, public outreach and partnership formation with key community groups, development of baseline data, and environmental studies. In November 2002, the Army Corps of Engineers approved the Santa Clara River Reconnaissance Study. The study's focus includes potential habitat restoration, flood protection and ancillary recreation opportunities for the Santa Clara River, located in Southern California.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

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

Account: Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Transportation and Community and Systems Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The City of Santa Clarita

Address of Requesting Entity: 23920 Valencia Blvd. #300 Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$570,000 to complete the last remaining section of the Cross Valley Connector. The last portion of this vital highway project consists of an 1100-foot bridge over the Santa Clara River. The bridge recently completed an environmental review and construction commenced in the fall of 2008 with completion expected in early 2010. This request is consistent with the intended purposes and authorization of the Federal highway Administration as it fulfills local transportation planning. The project will provide much needed regional congestive relief as well as provide additional capacity.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

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

Account: Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Transportation and Community and Systems Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Autry National Center for the American West

Address of Requesting Entity: 23920 Valencia Blvd. #300 Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$167,000 for the Autry National Center for the American West. This funding would assist with the construction of a new Southwest Museum facility at the Museum's Griffith Park campus.

Support will allow the design and creation of new facilities along with planning, design, and public programming of educational immersion environments and visible collections storage. These interactive spaces will allow the Autry to teach local, national, and international visitors about the many diverse cultures who have shaped the American West.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Representative ADAM H. PUTNAM

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

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities
Project Funding Amount: \$285,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Polk County Transit System

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 West Church Street, Bartow, FL 33831

Description of Request: To continue to provide vital transportation bus service to several regional locations, funding is needed to replace, update and repair outdated buses, as well provide for facility upgrades and maintenance services.

Requesting Member: Representative ADAM H. PUTNAM

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

Account: The Cooperative State Research Extension and Education Service (CSREES)
Project Funding Amount: \$6,677,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: University of Florida, Institute for Food and Agriculture Sciences, Post Office Box 110180, Gainesville, FL 32611-0180

Description of Request: The T-STAR program conducts research and education for interdiction, eradication, and suppression of invasive plants, animals, insects and disease. The objective of this critical initiative is to develop strategies and tactics to stem the influx of invasive species into the United States to protect American agriculture.

To more effectively safeguard the U. S. agricultural industry, there is an urgent need to undertake research on the most pressing and destructive invasives pests and disease to 1) determine common avenues of introduction, 2) develop techniques for early detection, and 3) identify effective economic and environmentally acceptable methods for eradication, containment and regulatory protocols.

The T-STAR is administered by the University of Florida and the University of Hawaii, authorized by P.L. 89-106 and is funded as a special research initiative within the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Requesting Member: Representative ADAM H. PUTNAM

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

Account:
Project Funding Amount: \$285,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Polk County, Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 West Church Street, Bartow, FL 33831

Description of Request: Funding is requested for needed renovation improvements to the Polk County Agricultural Center. Originally constructed in 1948, the facility plays a central role in the Polk County community at large. It provides a central meeting and event location for a wide range of activities important to the community, contributing to the region's economic strength and well-being. Renovations are needed to the Polk County Agricultural Center to meet fire and safety standards, enabling its continued benefit to the area.

Requesting Member: Representative ADAM H. PUTNAM

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

Account: State and Tribal Assistance Grant
Project Funding Amount: \$500,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southwest Florida Water Management

Address of Requesting Entity: 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34604-6899

Description of Request: To restore minimum flows and water quality to the upper Peace River and Lake Wales Ridge. Includes water resource development projects, such as restoring storage in headwater lakes in the Peace River watershed, are underway and will result in perennial flow to the upper Peace River.

The project includes Ridge Lakes Restoration Initiative to treat storm water runoff in lakes in Highlands and Polk counties; the Upper Peace River and Peace Creek Canal projects to restore surface water storage and flows and water quality and meet the long-term needs of Polk County and the surrounding area.

Requesting Member: Representative ADAM H. PUTNAM

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

Account: The Cooperative State Research Extension and Education Service (CSREES)
Project Funding Amount: \$1,217,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: University of Florida, Institute for Food and Agriculture Sciences, Post Office Box 110180, Gainesville, FL 32611-0180

Description of Request: Citrus Canker and Citrus Greening pose severe threats to the future of the citrus industry, in Florida and other citrus-growing regions of the nation. Citrus Greening, recently manifested widely within the state of Florida, is a particularly devastating disease which can cause the death of a healthy citrus tree within months of infestation. According to U.S. Department of Agriculture, scientific research on this deadly disease is at the present time extremely minimal and preliminary. In addition, continued research is needed on Citrus Canker to preserve the capacity to market and ship fruit domestically and for export. Scientific research is essential on both of these diseases in order to prevent their spread to other citrus growing regions of the country.

For the critical continuation and expansion of vital Citrus Canker and Greening research by the University of Florida (UF) Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences (IFAS), through the Cooperative State Research Extension and Education Service (CSREES) to improve technologies for treatment and detection, methods of movement and containment, and means to control and eliminate these devastating diseases.

Requesting Member: Representative ADAM H. PUTNAM

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

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities
Project Funding Amount: \$285,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lakeland Area Mass Transit Authority
Address of Requesting Entity: 1248 George Jenkins Blvd., Lakeland, FL 33815.

Description of Request: To continue to provide vital transportation bus service to several regional locations, funding is needed to replace, update and repair outdated buses, as well provide for facility upgrades and maintenance services.