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CALTRANS
Division of Local Assistance
Sacramento, CA
c/o City of Solana Beach
David Ott, City Manager
635 S. Hwy 101
Solana Beach, CA 92075

Re. City of Solana Beach's Active Transportation Program Grant Application Letter of Support

Mr. Ott –

I am writing to you today in support of the Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant application you are submitting to Caltrans in the coming days. This application will pursue important funding for much needed infrastructure projects and education/encouragement programs, which will increase active transportation in Solana Beach and improve the quality of life of our community.

Infrastructure projects on Stevens Avenue and elsewhere will encourage the use of active modes of transportation and facilitate the achievement of the ATP goals, including:

- Increasing the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking
- Increasing safety and mobility for non-motorized users
- Advancing the active transportation efforts of SANDAG to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals
- Enhancing public health
- Ensuring that disadvantaged communities, such as La Colonia de Eden Gardens in Solana Beach, fully share in the benefits of the program
- Providing a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users

The grant request must also include funding for education and encouragement programs that will inspire more community members to use active transportation in their daily lives providing significant benefits to the City. In particular, funding support for a robust Solana Beach Safe Routes to School Program will help our students, parents, school administrators, and others encourage more biking, walking, and rolling to school, improve public health, and foster the creation of a livable, sustainable community.

A robust ATP grant with requests for infrastructure projects and educational/encouragement programs is important for Solana Beach. I appreciate the City's efforts on this front and look forward to future improvements, more mobility choices on our roadways, and increased safety. Active transportation provides many positive benefits that will be enjoyed by all.

Sincerely,
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