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April 30, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Bayshore Bikeway - Segment 5 project in fiscal year 2022, in the amount of \$300,000. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of National City, located at 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, CA 91950.

The \$300,000 in funding will be allocated towards the final design phase of this segment. Segment 5 has qualified for funding from multiple sources in the past, including the ATP Cycle 4 Grant Program, the Port of San Diego, and has been funded by National City as well.

The project will provide nearly 1.5 miles of protected bicycle facilities along McKinley Avenue and Marina Way in the City of National City. Segment 5 will complete the last leg of the Bayshore Bikeway within National City; and enhance bicycling connections to transit and other key destinations such as National City s Harbor District, Naval Base San Diego, Kimball Elementary School, and several parks. Additionally, the project will provide a connection to the Sweetwater River Trail, another regional bikeway. With the completion of Segment 5, National City residents will be able to access as far north as Downtown San Diego and as far south as the City of Chula Vista using only protected facilities.

This project is part of the City of National City's proposed Health and Opportunity through Partnerships for Equity (HOPE) Improvements Projects. This is a collection of projects that have been vetted with public input and have been approved or accepted by National City's City Council.

As described by the City Council, these projects will provide safe and accessible active and alternative transportation facilities for users of all ages and abilities. The proposed improvements will promote clean mobility alternatives as a viable travel choice, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and promoting a healthier, more active lifestyle, as well as enhance the quality of life for disadvantaged residents in National City. The projects also have written support from National City Mayor Alejandra Sotelo-Solis.

Finally, this project is supported in writing by the following stakeholders: Mark West, Mayor Pro Temp, City of Imperial Beach; Councilmember Michael R. Donovan, City of Coronado; Colin Parent, Executive Director and General Counsel, Circulate San Diego; Zack Bartlett, General Manager, LimeBike; Mary Beth Moran, Manager of the Injury Prevention Programs, Rady Children's Hospital, San Diego; Kim Kawada, Chief Deputy Executive Director, SANDAG; Andy Hanshaw, Executive Director, San Diego County

Bicycle Coalition; Randa J. Coniglio, President/CEO, San Diego Unified Port District; Danielle Berger, Director of Planning, Circulate San Diego.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

JUAN VARGAS Member of Congress