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California Transportation Commission 1120 "N" Street, MS-52 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re. Support for the East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvement Project

Dear Active Transportation Program Selection Committee:

The City of Glendora supports the East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvement Project application for the request for active transportation program funds. The City of Glendora will be the implementor of the improvements in Glendora which includes numerous first/last mile improvements like the proposed project along Foothill Boulevard which will provide a safe active transportation corridor between two Metro Stations, Citrus College, and the Glendora Village and Civic Center.

The East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvement Project is the result of a partnership between the Cities of Azusa, Claremont, Covina, Glendora, La Verne, Pomona, and San Dimas under the leadership of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments to provide first/last mile connections for active transportation modes throughout the eastern San Gabriel Valley. These improvements provide connectivity to transit stations, employment centers, schools, and major entertainment and recreational centers. The current condition lacks pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, including a lack of curb ramps for people who are disabled. The autofocused nature of the existing conditions provides an unsafe environment for human-powered modes.

Public outreach and community engagement for the project has been an integral part of shaping this project. The improvements were identified through a robust community outreach effort led by members of the immediate community and primary users of the community. Outreach has been conducted in multiple languages to reach the entire community, which is one of the most ethnically diverse communities in the entire country. Residents have cited the lack of connections, the feeling of lack of safety, and the congestion as the biggest barriers to using human-powered modes. The East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvement Project has been conceived to meet the needs of the community to provide safe, reliable connections for bicycles and pedestrians and to increase their mode share to provide more sustainable connections to transit.

## The Project includes:

- Protected bike lanes
- ADA compliant access ramps
- Sidewalk improvements and repairs
- Bike infrastructure

- Bus shelter renovation
- Pedestrian crossing enhancements
- Pedestrian Bridge
- Improved lighting and landscaping.

The East San Gabriel Valley Multimodal Improvement Project is a community-driven, regional active transportation project that will increase the safety and benefit the community health through walking and biking. The City of Glendora supports this important active transportation project that will be transformative to the East SGV community and asks that you approve the grant request. Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

CITY OF GLENDORA

Karen K. Davis

Mayor