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Senator Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Alex Padilla
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

**RE:  Support for East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvements Project for FY 2024 Federal Appropriations Funding Request**

Dear Senators Feinstein and Padilla,

I am writing to express my support for the East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvements Project (ESGVSMIP). The ESGVSMIP project is a unique opportunity for collaboration to build out sustainable transportation network in the San Gabriel Valley.

The Project envisions a viable active transportation network spanning from Azusa and Covina to Pomona and Claremont, and includes critically needed First/Last Mile bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout and near Arrow Highway that will connect residents and equity focused communities in the east San Gabriel Valley to the Metro L (Gold) Line. Providing efficient and safe transportation options for families, commuters, and individuals of all abilities to access vital services, housing, employment centers, educational facilities, recreation, and other major destinations is critical for the region to meet its environmental, mobility, and social equity goals.

I recognize that this is a high priority project as it implements several regional transportation plans, policies, goals, and visions included in the Arrow Highway Multimodal Corridor Plan, the San Gabriel Valley Greenways Plan, and the Metro First/Last Mile Plan.

I am pleased to support this project alongside the SGVCOG and I sincerely urge you to provide favorable consideration of this funding request. Thank you for your time and please do not hesitate to contact Steven Mateer, Transportation Manager at (626) 852-4846 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gary Boyer, Mayor