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California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Westside and Lower West Neighborhoods Active Transportation Plan Implementation Project

Dear California Transportation Commission:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to support the City of Santa Barbara's Westside and Lower West Neighborhoods Active Transportation Plan Implementation Project. This project upholds the Chamber's mission to help our communities on the South Coast thrive by advocating for responsible policy, supporting visitor services, and developing community-building opportunities.

The project will bring better biking and walking to our Westside and Lower West community members. In addition to four area schools, the project area is home to parks, a retail center, and several community centers.

The City of Santa Barbara has an excellent record of conducting meaningful community outreach, identifying problem infrastructure areas, and soliciting and obtaining grant funding to address the identified problems. In the Westside and Lower West Neighborhoods, many of the identified needs focus on pedestrian and bicyclist scale safety enhancements such as improved crosswalks, better lighting, separated bike paths and bicycle boulevards, and pedestrian refuge islands. These improvements will significantly reduce injuries and collisions in the Westside and Lower West neighborhoods, and increase the safety and usability of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure along the neighborhoods' Safe Routes to School Corridors.

Thank you for your consideration of this important infrastructure project.

Sincerely,

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