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Todd A. Muck
Executive Director
Transportation Agency for Monterey County
55 B Plaza Circle
Salinas, CA 93901

SUBJECT: 2025 Active Transportation Plan and Level of Traffic Stress Analysis

Dear Mr. Muck:

On behalf of the County of Monterey, I am writing to express our support for the Transportation Agency for Monterey County's (TAMC) Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant for the 2025 Active Transportation Plan and Level of Traffic Stress Analysis proposal. This project will update the Agency's adopted 2018 Active Transportation Plan and incorporate a countywide assessment of bicycle and pedestrian level of traffic stress that will reduce any obscurity on how to improve bicycling and walking by using a data-driven approach to inform a project list of high benefit-to-cost ratio projects and produce a low-stress bicycle and pedestrian interactive map in ArcGIS.

Whether or not people walk or bike for transportation is heavily influenced by the stresses they encounter on their trip. This proposal aims to produce an update to the Agency's adopted Active Transportation Plan with project recommendations that will reduce the bicycle and pedestrian level of traffic stress, thereby improving safety and encouraging people to bike and walk. The Plan will also match projects with the most competitive grant programs for each project, while conducting preliminary design and public outreach so local agencies can easily submit State and local grant proposals.

The Plan will meet the goals of the Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan, and the tri-county Sustainable Communities Strategy to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions by reducing traffic congestion and promoting walking and biking for residents in all 12 cities and in unincorporated areas of Monterey County. The Plan also involves coordinating with all 12 cities and the County to integrate future development planning in all phases of project planning and implementation to maintain integration of housing, land use, and transportation planning.

The County of Monterey supports the proposal and looks forward to participating in this project to make our communities safer and more comfortable to bike and walk.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Luis A. Alejo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Luis" being the most prominent part.

LUIS A. ALEJO

Chair, Monterey County Board of Supervisors