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SUPERVISOR, FIRST DISTRICT

April 6, 2023

The Honorable Jan C. Harnik President, SCAG 900 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1700 Los Angeles, CA 90017

RE: Letter of Support for SCAG's Regional Action Transportation Program and the East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvement Project

Dear President Harnik,

As the Supervisor for Los Angeles County's First District, I am writing to express my unequivocal support for the recommendation by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to award critical Regional Active Transportation Program funding to Los Angeles County and to cities within the First District. If additional funds become available, I also highly recommend that SCAG prioritizes funding the East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvement Project, which is included on SCAG's Active Transportation Regional Program Contingency List.

Today, SCAG's Regional Council will hear Item 2, 2023 SCAG Regional Action Transportation Program, in which the Council is requested to adopt Resolution No. 23-654-3. It is important that SCAG uplifts active transportation funding opportunities, like the one considered here, and continuously encourages the region's investment in multi-modal transportation. Improving active transportation infrastructure is critical to making our region more sustainable and equitable.

The proposed resolution includes the recommendation to fund projects proposed by the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), the Cities of South El Monte and Pomona, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, and the County of Los Angeles. These important projects will greatly improve the pedestrian, cycling, and other active transportation infrastructure for the San Gabriel Valley's roughly 1.3 million residents.

While these projects will make meaningful progress, additional investments are still required. If additional funds become available, I highly encourage SCAG to prioritize the SGVCOG's request for the East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvement Project. The proposed

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project will construct essential active transportation infrastructure that will span multiple jurisdictional, aligning with SCAG's goal of improving multi-jurisdictional coordination.

For these reasons, I kindly urge you and the Regional Council to support Resolution No. 23-654-3 and prioritize the SGVCOG's proposed East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvement Project, if funds become available. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ben Feldman, my Special Projects Deputy, by email at BFeldman@bos.lacounty.gov or by phone at (213) 974-4111. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Supervisor, First District