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SUBJECT: Letter of Support – Vista Innovation and Design Academy (VIDA) Safe Routes to School

Dear Honorable Member:

On behalf of Circulate San Diego, whose mission is to create excellent mobility choices and vibrant, healthy neighborhoods, I am writing to express strong support for the City of Vista's Safe Routes to School improvements serving the Vista Innovation and Design Academy campus (VIDA) for FY27 Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project Funding consideration. The project focus builds on a detailed plan by the City of Vista to improve traffic safety and walkability along Vale Terrace Drive and Foothill Drive. This project will enhance safety for vehicles, transit, bicycles, and pedestrians.

This funding request focuses on pre-development analysis, right-of-way acquisition, and final design to advance improvements, as well as sidewalk construction that will make walking and biking safer and slow down traffic near the school. These enhancements will provide students, families, and residents with safer routes, better connectivity, and better access to educational and public destinations.

For these reasons, Circulate strongly supports the City of Vista in advancing this project. Should it be funded, it will deliver measurable improvements in safety, mobility, and quality of life in this area.

Sincerely,

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