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May 27, 2026

Mr. Edwin Medina  
City of Oceanside, Development Services Department  
300 N. Coast Highway  
Oceanside, CA 92054

**SUBJECT: Oceanside's Coastal Rail Trail Active Transportation Program (ATP) Application**

Dear Edwin,

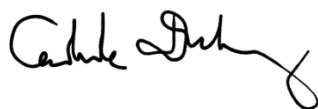
On behalf of Circulate Planning & Policy, whose mission is to create excellent mobility choices and vibrant, healthy neighborhoods, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for Oceanside's ATP application to complete the Coastal Rail Trail between Oceanside Boulevard and Morse Street. This funding will enable the City to construct the final missing segment of the Coastal Rail Trail within Oceanside and improve safety, accessibility, and connectivity for non-motorized users.

Completion of the Coastal Rail Trail in Oceanside is one of the top priorities in Oceanside's Bicycle Master Plan. In addition, completion of the Coastal Rail Trail is a key element of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Regional Bike Plan and Early Action Program and supports regional Climate Action Plan and Vision Zero efforts. Through funding from SANDAG, the City has already completed the preliminary design and environmental requirements for the project.

When this section of the Coastal Rail Trail is completed, it will provide a continuous Class I shared-use path between Oceanside Transit Center and the southern portion of Oceanside that can be used by bikers and pedestrians. Currently, cyclists must use either Coast Highway or Pacific Street to travel north and south along the coast. Pacific Street is a narrow collector street with parallel parking on both sides and sharrows, and Coast Highway is a major four lane arterial without bike lanes. Bridging Loma Alta Creek would create a safer and more pleasant option for cycling and pedestrian travel between North and South Oceanside.

Circulate strongly encourages the CTC, Caltrans, and SANDAG to fund Oceanside's application. This funding is a necessary step toward creating a city where non-motorized users can travel safely and confidently, while also fostering a healthier and more connected community.

Sincerely,



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