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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington DC 20590

Subject: City of Encinitas, Leucadia Streetscape Project, FY2022 RAISE Application Letter of Support

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Circulate San Diego, whose mission is to create excellent mobility choices and vibrant, healthy neighborhoods, I strongly support the City of Encinitas' Leucadia Streetscape Project (the Project) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application.

Circulate San Diego is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to making our neighborhoods more vibrant and sustainable through better land use planning and the advancement of transportation initiatives that support increased multimodal options and transportation choice. Through our planning activities, educational events, trainings, advocacy, and work with local, county, regional, and transit partners, Circulate San Diego is working to reclaim our streets through improved streetscape design, accessible pedestrian corridors, more bike lanes, better transit routes, and traffic calming measures.

The Project will construct critical roadway and streetscape enhancements along North Coast Highway 101 in the Leucadia community within the City of Encinitas, San Diego County. The proposed vehicular, pedestrian, bicycle, and public transit improvements are essential to transforming this important, heavily travelled roadway in the heart of the Leucadia community into a safe, sustainable, and vibrant multi-modal commercial corridor serving residents, workers, and visitors.

The Project will provide a multitude of benefits for all roadway users as well as the greater Encinitas community. Project improvements will enhance vehicular circulation, significantly increase safety, expand multi-modal opportunities, reduce emissions, preserve water quality, bolster resilience, and promote access to public transit. These will be achieved through key project components including travel lane reductions and installing new roundabout intersections, buffered bike lanes, pedestrian walkways and crossings, bus stop enhancements, and drainage improvements. Through these improvements, the corridor will become a safer, more accessible, and attractive

destination for residents and visitors that depend on this corridor for employment, shopping, and recreational amenities along the coast. Transformation of this corridor is critical to preserving long-term economic health, stimulating economic growth, and improving the quality of life in Encinitas.

The City has been planning for this important corridor project for more than a decade and is deeply committed to its implementation, with the first phase of improvements now underway. Drawing on extensive community input and technical analyses initiated in 2008, this innovative and holistic project fulfills multiple transportation objectives including fostering a safe transportation system for the movement of goods and people, leveraging sustainable practices to create and maintain a state of good repair while building community resilience, and improving accessibility for all roadway users that will influence economic competitiveness and enhance quality of life.

The Project is consistent with Circulate San Diego's mission. Circulate San Diego strongly supports the City of Encinitas' grant application. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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