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State of California
Department of Transportation
Chief, Office of Active Transportation & Special Programs
Division of Local Assistance
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Subject: Letter of Support for the City of Oceanside's Caltrans Active Transportation Program Cycle 6 application

Dear Office of Active Transportation and Special Programs:

On behalf of Circulate San Diego, whose mission is to create excellent mobility choices and vibrant, healthy neighborhoods, I strongly support the City of Oceanside's Caltrans Active Transportation Program Cycle 6 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 service, and traffic calming measures.

Completion of the Coastal Rail Trail in Oceanside will increase walking and biking trips and decrease vehicle congestion, greenhouse gases, and other pollutants. Completion of the Loma Alta Creek section will provide a safe and viable walking and cycling link for an elementary and middle school in south Oceanside that draws students from the northern section of town, enhancing the City's Safe Routes to School efforts for these students. Being involved in Safe Routes to School programs across Southern California, Circulate San Diego considers this component of Oceanside's grant application to be particularly critical.

Three commuter rail lines terminate at the Oceanside Transit Center, including the Metrolink Orange County Line and the North County Transit District's COASTER and SPRINTER lines. Closing the gap in the Coastal Rail Trail with a terminus at the Oceanside Transit Center will provide a key pedestrian and bicycle first- and last-mile connection for residents and workers to access these transit lines.

The City of Oceanside's application to complete the Coastal Rail Trail by closing the gap across Loma Alta Creek is consistent with Circulate San Diego's mission and we strongly support this application. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D Braitman" followed by a horizontal line.

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Director of Planning