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Goldy Herbon
SANDAG Grants Administrator
1601 Newton Avenue, San Diego, CA 92113

SUBJECT: SANDAG SGIP Cycle 6 “16th and 18th Street Community Corridors” Application

Dear Ms. Herbon:

On behalf of Circulate San Diego, whose mission is to create excellent mobility choices and vibrant, healthy neighborhoods, I am writing to submit this letter supporting the proposed “16th and 18th Street Community Corridors” grant application submitted by the City of National City for funding consideration through the SANDAG SGIP. The project will provide almost two and a half miles of bicycle facilities; 1.46 miles of Class III Bicycle Boulevard along 16th Street from Highland Avenue to Harbison Avenue, and 1 mile of Class IIIB Bicycle Boulevard along 18th Street from Palm Avenue to Rachael Avenue. Curb extensions, speed cushions, and lighted RRFB crossings will further improve the safety of these networks beyond simply adding painted sharrow markings. These segments are two of the top ten highest priority bicycle projects per the City's Bicycle Master Plan. The bicycle facilities will connect to existing bicycle facilities along both 16th and 18th Streets, providing interconnectivity throughout National City to work towards achieving their goal of a well-connected citywide bicycle system.

Circulate 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 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.

The proposed project has been recommended in the City's Bicycle Master Plan based on a variety of features including public input, feasibility, existing traffic volume, connectivity, and existing bicycling patterns. It will enhance bicycling connections to destinations throughout National City including residential areas, schools, churches, employment centers, transit, parks, and other key destinations. The project will promote bicycling as a viable travel choice, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting a healthier, more active lifestyle. Through this project, safe and accessible active transportation facilities will be available for users of any age and ability.

The City of National City has a strong history of creating safer facilities for people walking and biking within its jurisdiction. Through planning and design projects, National City has consistently demonstrated best practices for other cities in the San Diego region. Circulate strongly endorses the City's efforts to seek funding to support projects that will continue to encourage pedestrian and bicycle safety for people who live, work, and play in National City. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlisle Dockery". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the last letter.

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