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California Department of Transportation
c/o Office of Regional & Interagency Planning
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To Whom It May Concern:

SPUR is writing to support the City of San Jose's application to the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant. SPUR is a member-supported nonprofit organization that promotes good planning and good government in the San Francisco Bay Area through research, education and advocacy.

In order to provide safer, healthier, and more multi-modal accessibility throughout San Jose's neighborhoods, the City is submitting a request for funding that may be dedicated towards planning efforts along two of San Jose's Vision Zero "Safety Priority Streets":

- Alum Rock Avenue (2 miles – West to East)
- King Road (4.5 miles – North to South)
- McKee Road (2.5 miles – West to East)

A majority of Alum Rock, King, and McKee are five-lanes wide (two-lanes in each direction and a center turn lane) and no bike lanes. As major arterials and collectors of traffic, these corridors posted speed limit ranges from 25 to 40 miles per hour. These streets have high crash rates including fatalities and major injuries. A complete streets approach along these segments would directly enhance mobility and access in these areas and improve life safety.

We are very supportive of San Jose's Vision Zero policy, which prioritizes safety improvements for all road users – whether they walk, bike, drive or ride transit. If awarded this grant, San Jose could begin the analysis and planning needed to design and solicit community feedback for improvements that would create more equitable communities and achieve Vision Zero. We appreciate your review and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Cc: City of San Jose