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Sylvia Fung, Caltrans District 4 Local Assistance Engineer
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RE: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 8 – Senter Road – San Jose Vision Zero Priority Safety Corridor

Dear Ms. Fung and Members of the HSIP Review Committee:

SPUR is writing to support the City of San Jose's application to the Highway Safety Improvement Program for funds to develop the Senter Road – San Jose Vision Zero Priority Safety Corridor project.

Through research, education and advocacy, SPUR promotes good planning and good government in the San Francisco Bay Area. We have thousands of individual and business members in the San Francisco Bay Area and an office in downtown San Jose. SPUR supports making neighborhoods safer for walking, biking and transit use. The interventions proposed as part of the San Jose Vision Zero Priority Safety Corridor for Senter Road work towards this goal.

Additionally, this project aligns with the adopted Regional Transportation Plan, the State's Complete Streets Act of 2008, and regional priorities represented in the VTA Bicycle Expenditure Plan as well as VTA's recent Pedestrian Access to Transit Plan.

The Senter Road – San Jose Vision Zero Priority Safety Corridor project between Story Road and Singleton Road will improve safety by reducing vehicle speeds, minimizing vehicle conflicts, increasing pedestrian and bicyclist safety and visibility, and creating safer and more attractive pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Key interventions on the Senter Road – San Jose Vision Zero Priority Safety Corridor include the:

- Installation of new sidewalks in areas which are currently completely devoid of such
- Enhancement of existing bike lanes for added bicyclist safety
- Upgrade of traffic signals to be more visible and responsive to pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers

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- Construction of raised median islands and pedestrian median fencing to direct people to nearby safe crossings

These safety improvements will encourage pedestrian and bicycle access to key destinations within the project area including religious institutions, youth centers, schools, and parks. Additionally, safer connections to the many transit stops found within the project limits will allow pedestrians and bicyclists access to other places in the city and county.

With HSIP support, the City of San Jose can advance critical transportation safety improvements that otherwise would not be possible. SPUR supports the efforts of the City of San Jose on the Senter Road – San Jose Vision Zero Priority Safety Corridor project and encourages HSIP funds to be invested in this meaningful work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Teresa Alvarado".

Teresa Alvarado
San Jose Director

cc: Laura Tolhoff, San Jose Policy Director and Ratna Amin, Transportation Policy Director