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## California Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Safe Routes to School MAP-21 Program Investment Sign-On Statement

### Background

Walking, bicycling and Safe Routes to School are important and popular modes of transportation throughout California. Through MAP-21, California will continue to receive \$3.5B/year for transportation projects. Bicycle and pedestrian funding in FY2012 was only 3% of the total federal dollars programmed while these modes represent 15% of trips and 27% of fatalities in the state. In fiscal year 2012, California programmed approximately \$106 million using federal funds from the following categories:

- Recreational Trails (Rec Trails): \$5.3 million – distributed by the State
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS): \$21 million – distributed by the State
- Transportation Enhancement (TE): \$80 million – 75% sub-allocated to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)

### Request

We, the undersigned, respectfully recommend the following elements for any California state legislation or policy reforms aimed at reconciling state and federal law:

1. Preserve the state's commitment to using federal funds to invest in pedestrian and bicycle modes and continue to fund all bicycle and pedestrian programs with federal dollars at a minimum of \$106 million/year, FY2012 levels.
2. Continue to support the bicycle and pedestrian programs from SAFETEA-LU through the implementation of MAP-21: Rec Trails, TE and SRTS.
  - a) Retain the state role in programming pedestrian and bicycle programs with funding equivalent to FY12 levels.
  - b) Fund the Rec Trails program off the top of Transportation Alternatives at 2009 levels.
  - c) Continue Safe Routes to School federal funding at FY12 levels, and continue to administer the SRTS funding through Caltrans for future grant competitions.
  - d) Continue to allocate TE funding to MPOs (75%) and through Caltrans headquarters (25%) at FY12 levels.
  - e) Use STP, HSIP or NHTP federal funding categories to cover shortfalls.
3. Honor the commitment to all previously awarded SRTS projects, and continue to advance efforts to serve lower-income communities through SRTS funding.
4. Fund all 2012-2017 Transportation Enhancements programmed projects (CTC action from March 2012 through the STIP) at a level sufficient to cover those commitments, and give them equal priority with road and highway projects when allocating funding.
5. Preserve Transportation Enhancements reserves from SAFETEA-LU to provide funding where the specific project has not been identified in the 2012-2017 STIP. For these funds, adopt a list of eligible projects which matches the SAFETEA-LU Transportation Enhancements project

eligibility criteria, minus those categories that were specifically eliminated in MAP-21 such as transportation museums.

### **Alignment with State Policy**

This proposal to continue to provide level and dedicated funding in California to pedestrian, bicycle, and Safe Routes to School programs through MAP-21 is aligned with California state policy and priorities including:

- Efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through AB32 and SB375,
- The state's Health in All Policies approach which highlights bicycle and pedestrian investments and access,
- Commitments to serving lower income communities and students statewide through Safe Routes to School,
- Plans to reduce pedestrian and bicycle fatalities which are 27% of all traffic fatalities, nearly twice the national average, and
- Efforts to increase jobs – bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects create more jobs per million dollars than highway-only projects.

Sincerely,

A World Fit for Kids, Los Angeles  
American Institute Of Architects, Los Angeles  
Alliance for Healthy Orange County (AHOC), Santa Ana  
American Lung Association California, Sacramento  
Amgen Cycling Club, Thousand Oaks  
Amigos De Los Rios, Altadena  
Antelope Valley Partners For Health, Lancaster  
Asian & Pacific Islander Obesity Prevention Alliance, Los Angeles  
Antelope Valley Partners For Health, Lancaster  
Bay Area Bicycle Coalition, Oakland  
Beach Cities Cycling Club, Inc, Redondo Beach  
Berkeley Walks and Rolls, Berkeley  
Better Bike, Beverly Hills  
Bicycle Club Of Irvine, Irvine  
Bicycle Coalition at UCLA, Los Angeles  
Bike Santa Barbara County, Santa Barbara  
Bike SGV, San Gabriel Valley  
Bike-On Laguna, Laguna Beach  
BikeSD, Inc., San Diego  
Biking For Fun Inc., DBA Bike Bakersfield, Bakersfield  
Breathe California, Sacramento  
C.I.C.L.E., Los Angeles  
California Bicycle Coalition, Sacramento  
California Pan-Ethnic Health Network, Oakland  
California Park & Recreation Society, Sacramento  
California Public Health Association-North, Oakland  
California WALKS, Berkeley  
Central California Regional Obesity Prevention Program, Fresno  
ChangeLab Solutions, Oakland  
Chico Velo Cycling Club, Chico  
City Carshare, San Francisco

City Heights Community Development Corporation, San Diego  
City Of Los Angeles Department Of Transportation, Los Angeles  
City Of Mission Viejo, Mission Viejo  
City Of San Bernardino, San Bernardino  
City Of Ventura, Ventura  
Climate Protection Campaign, Santa Rosa  
Coalition For Clean Air, Sacramento  
Coalition For Sustainable Transportation, Santa Barbara  
Community Health Councils, Los Angeles  
Community Partnership For Families Of San Joaquin, Stockton  
Crown City Cyclists, Coronado  
Culver City Crossroads.Com, Culver City  
Davis Bicycles!, Davis  
Day One, Pasadena  
East Bay Bicycle Coalition, Oakland  
East Bay Regional Park District, Oakland  
Ecology Action, Santa Cruz  
Ennis-Flint, West Covina  
Fixing Angelenos Stuck In Traffic, Los Angeles  
Fresno County Bicycle Coalition, Clovis  
Friends Of The Pacific Electric Trail, Rancho Cucamonga  
Greenbelt Alliance, San Francisco  
Hanson Cycling Foundation, Apple Valley  
HDR Engineering, Irvine  
Humboldt Partnership for Active Living, Eureka  
Juniper Networks, Sunnyvale  
KWS Consulting, Glendale  
Lake Tahoe Bicycle Coalition, South Lake Tahoe  
Lemon Grove Resident Leadership Academy, Lemon Grove  
Lideres Campesinas, Oxnard  
Lifecycle Adventures, San Francisco  
Lightning Velo Cycling Club, Long Beach  
Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Walks, Los Angeles  
M.G. Tech-Writing, L.L.C., Fountain Valley  
Marin County Bicycle Coalition, Fairfax  
Mark Brucker Consulting, Berkeley  
Mount Shasta Alternative Transportation Advisory Committee, Mount Shasta  
Move LA, Los Angeles  
Napa County Bicycle Coalition, Napa  
Napa County Office of Education, Napa  
Natural Resources Defense Council, Los Angeles  
Nichols Consulting Engineers, Point Richmond  
North County Cycle Club, Oceanside  
North Natomas TMA, Sacramento  
Organizacion En California De Lideres Campesinas, Inc., Oxnard  
Our Green Challenge, Santa Rosa  
Pasadena Athletic Association, Pasadena  
Pedestrian Friendly Alameda, Alameda  
Peninsula Velo Cycling Club, San Mateo  
People Power, Santa Cruz  
PolicyLink, Oakland

Pomona Valley Bicycle Coalition, Pomona  
Prevention Institute, Oakland  
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, San Francisco  
Redwood Community Action Agency, Eureka  
Regional Asthma Management and Prevention (Ramp), Oakland  
Responsible Organized Mountain Pedalers, Campbell  
Rosegarden Neighborhood Preservation Association, San Jose  
Ryan Snyder Associates, Los Angeles  
Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates, Sacramento  
Sacramento Bike Hikers, Sacramento  
Safe & Healthy Communities, San Diego  
Safe Kids Sonoma County, Santa Rosa  
Safe Routes to School National Partnership, Fairfax  
San Diego County Bicycle Coalition, San Diego  
San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, San Francisco  
San Luis Obispo Bicycle Club, San Luis Obispo  
San Luis Obispo County Bicycle Coalition, San Luis Obispo  
Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition, Santa Barbara  
Santa Monica Spoke, Santa Monica  
SF BayWALKS, San Francisco  
SF Walks and Rolls, San Francisco  
Shasta Living Streets, Redding  
Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, San José  
Silicon Valley Leadership Group, San Jose  
Sonoma County Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Santa Rosa  
Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition, Santa Rosa  
South Bay Bicycle Coalition, Manhattan Beach  
South Orange County Childhood Obesity Prevention Task Force, Mission Viejo  
South Pasadena Bicycling To School and Work Commuter Club, South Pasadena  
Sterling Solutions for Pedestrian Safety, Victorville  
Tailwinds Bicycle Club of Santa Maria, Santa Maria  
The City Project, Los Angeles  
Town Of Danville, Danville  
TransForm, Oakland  
Transportation for America, Long Beach  
Travel Behavior Associates, South Pasadena  
Trust South La, Los Angeles  
Turner Real Estate, Carlsbad  
Ubuntu Green, Sacramento  
Union De Vecinos, Los Angeles  
United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County, Oakland  
Valley Center Trails Association, Valley Center  
Valley Spokesman, Dublin  
Velo Allegro Cycling Club, Long Beach  
Walk Bike Glendale, Glendale  
Walk 'N Rollers, Los Angeles  
Walk Oakland Bike Oakland, Oakland  
Walk Sacramento, Sacramento  
Walk San Diego, San Diego  
Walk San Francisco, San Francisco