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RE: City of Garden Grove 20-21 Sustainable Community Program Application Letter of Support

Dear: SCAG Representative:

The Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD) supported the City of Garden Grove (City) Active Downtown Plan application as well as partners in the Safe Routes To School project. The GGUSD is writing this letter to show its strong support for the proposed Traffic Circle, in the City's Downtown Historic Main Street on Main Street and Acacia Parkway (Project) that will address issues of mobility and accessibility, connectivity, safety, equity, economic vitality, and community health for the City's residents and the greater Orange County area alike.

The Project will contribute to a vibrant, walkable Downtown Main Street that would be attractive to the community businesses and inviting to residents and visitors. This Project will strengthen both the local multimodal transportation network and the larger regional network, including closing a major gap in the Orange County Transportation Authority Pacific Electric Public Right-of-Way and connecting to the OC Streetcar that is under construction. Furthermore, this Project will be driven by a strong community engagement component that will build upon the City's previous outreach efforts around mobility. The City plans to continue its efforts to engage with the diverse and disadvantaged communities that may not participate in traditional planning processes. In the Safe Routes to School project, the City performed a good job in fostering a partnership through collaboration with GGUSD parents, students, and staff to achieve the goal of increasing transportation options and safety.

The development of this Project builds upon the momentum and increases the impact of the City's Active Street Plans and will contribute to a vibrant and healthier economy and environment in the City. By investing in enhancements to pedestrian and bicycle facilities, residents, visitors, and employees will have improved transportation options and greater opportunities to incorporate physical activity into their daily lives. PEDal believes that this Project will address the challenges to connect peoples walking and cycling to destinations in the City and lead to an increase in active transportation. PEDal will support the Project as a stakeholder who will review, experience, and provide Project comments as well as encourage the district's businesses, employees, patrons, and the community at large to participate in the engagement and response activities.

Sincerely,

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