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March 16, 2023

The Honorable Ro Khanna
United States House of Representatives
306 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: FY 2024 Community Project Funding Request from the City of Sunnyvale – Safe Routes to Schools and Parks

Dear Congressman Khanna:

On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, we respectfully submit a Community Project Funding request for \$3,000,000 to make walking and biking safer near schools and parks at four locations. These infrastructure improvements align with numerous local, state and federal policies and initiatives, and have significant health, safety and environmental benefits. Additionally, we would be investing in neighborhoods that have a high percentage of socio-economically disadvantaged families.

The enclosed Safe Routes to Schools and Parks Project Sheet outlines the benefits to Californians by funding these improvements.

Thank you for considering our request. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Chip Taylor, Director of Public Works, at <a href="mailto:ctaylor@sunnyvale.ca.gov">ctaylor@sunnyvale.ca.gov</a> if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Larry Klein Mayor

Larry Klein

enc. Safe Routes to Schools and Parks Project Sheet

Community Support Letters (5)

cc: City Council
Kent Steffens, City Manager

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# Safe Routes to Schools & Parks



Sunnyvale's neighborhoods were not designed for the car volumes we see today. The resulting **congestion** around schools and parks causes concerns in our community about safety, air quality and access. **Safer** routes will encourage walking and biking which are healthier for people and better for the environment. The schools proposed for these **Safe Routes projects** have a combined enrollment of 3,500 students with a high percentage of socio-economically disadvantaged families. **Investing in these neighborhoods will improve overall health, safety, and connectivity.** 

#### **Quick Facts**

Requested Funds

**Total Project Cost** 



\$3 M

\$5.625 M

**MEETS GOALS** 

- City
- County
- Bay Area
- State
- Federal

PROJECT NEED The 2020 Active Transportation Plan identified and prioritized these locations for safety improvements

#### **LOCATIONS**

- Braly Elementary School & Ponderosa Park: Iris Avenue/Gail Avenue
- Fremont High School:
  Fremont Avenue/Sydney Drive
- Lakewood Elementary School and John W. Christian Greenbelt: Lakechime Drive/ Meadowlake Drive and Meadowlake Drive/ John W. Christian Greenbelt
- Vargas Elementary School: Leota Avenue/ Carson Drive and Leota Avenue/Washington Avenue

# **Improvements for Safer Travel**

- Corner curb and sidewalk extensions
- Pedestrian safety signs and striping
- ADA curb ramps
- Pedestrian hybrid activated beacon at busy arterial (Fremont High School project)



# This Project Will:

- Encourage walking and biking for all ages and abilities
- Reduce vehicle speeds and congestion
- Improve visibility for travelers
- Reduce crossing distances at busy intersections
- Expand and connect walking and biking networks
- Reduce negative environmental impacts
- Expand green stormwater infrastructure

# Aligns with Multiple Policies & Initiatives

- Active Transportation Plans
- Vision Zero Plans
- Climate Action Plans
- Green Stormwater Infrastructure Plan
- Complete Streets Policies
- MTC Plan Bay Area 2050

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March 14, 2023

The Honorable Congressmember Ro Khanna 306 Cannon House Office Building Washington D.C. 20525

RE: FY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending Request – Sunnyvale Road Improvement Projects

Dear Congressmember Khanna,

I am writing to respectfully urge you to support the City of Sunnyvale's Community Project Funding request to improve routes around schools and parks for these four projects:

- Fremont High School
- Braly Elementary School & Ponderosa Park
- Lakewood Elementary School and John W. Christian Greenbelt
- Vargas Elementary School

While California continues to lead the nation in investing in reducing emissions through vehicular transportation, Sunnyvale has shown its commitment to supporting these sustainability and environmental goals through these improvement projects that would support the accessibility of existing routes and encourage our younger generations to walk and bike to their neighborhood schools and parks. These Safe Routes to School projects would help Sunnyvale update the routes around these schools, as they were not originally designed with the high volume of vehicular traffic these neighborhoods are currently experiencing, nor are they fully accessible for pedestrians.

By investing in these projects that would create safe routes to schools, which are located in neighborhoods with a high percentage of socio-economically disadvantaged students and families, Sunnyvale will be able to improve safety, air quality, and access in these neighborhoods. The safety improvements proposed include corner curb and sidewalk extensions, pedestrian safety signs and striping, ADA curb ramps, and a pedestrian hybrid-activated beacon at a busy intersection near Fremont High School.

As a committed advocate for the safety of Sunnyvale residents and the sustainability of the community, I respectfully ask for your support for these Safe Routes to School Projects in Sunnyvale. Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at (408) 446-2810 if you have any questions.

Sincerely.

Evan Low

Assemblymember, 26th District – San José/Silicon Valley

## Otto Lee

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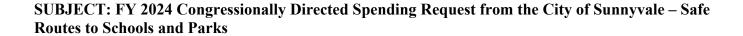
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Dear Representative Khanna:

I am pleased to support the City of Sunnyvale's request for funding to support the City's Safer Routes to School and Parks projects that will promote environmentally friendly walking and biking alternatives to driving.

The Safer Routes to Schools and Parks projects will help alleviate congestion near schools and parks in alignment with multiple regional, state, and federal policies. Planned safety improvements include corner curb and sidewalk extensions, pedestrian safety signs and striping, ADA curb ramps, and a pedestrian hybridactivated beacon at a busy arterial. These improvements will reduce vehicle speeds and congestion, expand and connect walking and biking paths, and overall lessen negative environmental impacts. In addition, the target areas for the projects have a combined enrollment of 3,500 students with high concentrations of socioeconomically disadvantaged families.

My office has been in communication with numerous families, school officials, school board members, and advocates who have expressed concern about pedestrian and biker safety in Sunnyvale. These projects will go a long way in protecting the community's health and safety.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Chief of Staff, Wendy Ho at (408) 299-5030 or via email at <a href="wendy.ho@bos.sccgov.org">wendy.ho@bos.sccgov.org</a>.

Sincerely,

Otto O. Lee

Moder



March 10, 2023

The Honorable Ro Khanna United States House of Representatives 306 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

# RE: FY 2024 Federal Funding Request from the City of Sunnyvale – Safe Routes to Schools and Parks

Dear Congressman Khanna:

I am pleased to support the City of Sunnyvale's request for funding for the Safe Routes to Schools project, which will improve safety for students walking and biking near schools and parks at four locations in the Santa Clara County Unified School District.

This project is important because it supports a network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities that our community desperately needs. We know that supporting our students to get to and from school safely is critical Providing better walking and bicycling routes to and from schools and parks will immensely to support residents who choose to walk or bike to their destination. This can reduce the number of vehicles on our roadways

A primary obstacle preventing more Sunnyvale residents and visitors from walking and bicycling is the lack of adequate infrastructure in the community, including the absence of comfortable crossings at arterial roadways. I believe the proposed improvements will address these and other challenges and will lead to an increase in bicycling and walking around the city.

I look forward to the positive impact this project will have to the Sunnyvale community and on our children and youth and welcome the opportunity to show my support for this request for funding.

Sincerely,

Gary Waddell, Ed.D.

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Superintendent

Santa Clara Unified School District



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March 9, 2023

The Honorable Ro Khanna United States House of Representatives 306 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

RE: FY 2024 Federal Funding Request from the City of Sunnyvale – Safe Routes to Schools and Parks

Dear Congressman Khanna:

I am pleased to support the City of Sunnyvale's request for funding for the Safe Routes to Schools & Parks project, which will improve safety for students walking and biking near schools and parks at four locations. I believe this project is important because it supports a network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities that our community desperately needs. Providing better walking and bicycling routes to and from schools and parks will help encourage residents to choose to walk or bike to their destination. This can reduce the number of vehicles on our roadways and therefore increase health benefits for all Sunnyvale community members.

One of the main obstacles preventing more Sunnyvale residents and visitors from walking and bicycling is the lack of adequate infrastructure in the community, including the absence of comfortable crossings at arterial roadways. I believe the proposed improvements will address these and other challenges and will lead to an increase in bicycling and walking around the city.

I look forward to the positive impact this project will have to the Sunnyvale community and welcome the opportunity to show my support for this request for funding.

Sincerely.

Michael Gallagher, Ed.D.

Superintendent



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RE: FY 2023 Federal Funding Request from the City of Sunnyvale for Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing Safe Routes to Schools and Parks

Dear Congressman Khanna:

I am writing as the Chair of Livable Sunnyvale, a coalition of individuals and organizations that are working together toward a more vibrant, inclusive and people-friendly Sunnyvale. With over 135 members, we educate and activate Sunnyvale residents and elected officials to secure an environmentally sustainable future with broadly shared prosperity and a high quality of life. I am writing to express support for the City of Sunnyvale's request for funding for the two active transportation improvement projects:

- · Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing
- Safe Routes to Schools and Parks

Livable Sunnyvale strives to ensure equity in the transportation network. We support transportation solutions that protect the environment and reduce traffic. We also encourage the development of walkable, transit-friendly village centers, with homes, shops, jobs and green space. We are highly concerned with the slow pace of progress in making bicycling and walking safe in Sunnyvale and how this lack of change makes our climate goals less and less realistic.

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Both of the proposed projects will promote active transportation, mode shifts, safety, equity, and connectivity. By enhancing the safety and improving the comfortability in the pedestrian and bicycle networks, these projects will expand mode choice and reduce automobile trips. In addition, the two proposed projects support the City's goal in reducing vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions. By providing improved active transportation facilities, they enable more equitable and affordable transportation options for the Sunnyvale community.

Thank you for considering providing funding for these important projects.

Sincerely,

Angela Rausch

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Chair



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### RE: FY 2024 Community Project Funding Request from the City of Sunnyvale – **Rebuild Fire Station 2**

Dear Congressman Khanna:

On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, we respectfully submit a Community Project Funding request for \$3,000,000 to rebuild the old and out-of-date Fire Station 2 located at 795 E. Arques Ave. In addition to serving our community, Fire Station 2 is a countywide training workhorse. It is one of only two facilities to offer numerous required training courses for firefighters from throughout Santa Clara County. A modern sustainable station would allow us to meet the high training demand and ensure

our firefighters have healthy and safe living conditions.

The enclosed Rebuild Fire Station 2 Project Sheet outlines the benefits to Californians by funding this replacement and expansion project.

Thank you for considering our request. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Chief Phan Ngo, Director of Public Safety, at pngo@sunnyvale.ca.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Larry Klein

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enc. Rebuild Fire Station 2 Project Sheet Community Support Letters (3)

cc: City Council Kent Steffens, City Manager Teri Silva, Assistant City Manager Phan Ngo, Director of Public Safety

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# Rebuild Fire Station 2



California faces a growing threat from fires. In 2020, five of the largest fires in our state's history burned at the same time. They destroyed thousands of buildings and forced hundreds of thousands of evacuations. Our firefighters are on the frontlines, called to emergencies locally and statewide. They need modern facilities and robust training to be effective first responders. For them to better prepare for and respond to emergencies, we need to rebuild the old and out-of-date Fire Station 2.

#### **Quick Facts**

Requested Funds

**Total Project Cost** 





\$45 M

**MEETS GOALS** 

City

County State

PROJECT NEED The 2021 Fire Station Masterplan identified Station 2 as being past its useful service life

**LOCATION** 795 E. Arques Ave.

#### PROPOSED SQUARE FOOTAGE

Approx. 20,500 s.f.

# Fire Station 2 is a Countywide **Training Workhorse**

Fire Station 2 is one of only two facilities to offer numerous required training courses for firefighters countywide. This includes the 17-week Joint Fire Academy. The Station also hosts emergency preparedness training for community volunteers and annual in-service training for Sunnyvale's public safety officers. Rebuilding the Station would allow us to meet the high local and regional training demand in a modern sustainable facility.

# Why Rebuild?

- Living conditions lack modern health and safety features for fire personnel
- Aging, energy inefficient facility is costly to maintain
- Cramped and dated trailers used for classrooms
- Not enough restrooms; must rent portable toilets for training classes
- Inadequate equipment storage





people trained annually



age of Station 2

# This Project Will:

- Improve emergency response services to East-Central Sunnyvale
- Meet higher training demand in response to intensifying fire seasons throughout the state
- Improve interoperability among jurisdictions by expanding capacity for regional training
- Increase emergency preparedness by training more community volunteers
- Ensure living and working conditions meet modern health and safety standards
- Achieve sustainability goals with green building design

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RE: FY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending Request – Sunnyvale Fire Station 2

Dear Congressmember Khanna,

I am writing to respectfully urge you to support the City of Sunnyvale's Community Project Funding request to rebuild Fire Station 2, located at 795 East Arques Avenue.

With California facing a growing threat of fires annually, firefighters are on the frontlines. As such, they require modern facilities and robust training. Nearly 60 years old, Fire Station 2 is old and out-of-date, negatively impacting the effectiveness of our first responders. Fire Station 2 specifically trains over 400 people annually; they are one of only two facilities to offer numerous training courses for firefighters not only for the City of Sunnyvale but countywide as well. The current living conditions of the fire station lack modern health and safety features for fire personnel, is costly to maintain due to the energy inefficiency of the facility, has a limited number of classrooms available, and currently has inadequate equipment storage.

By rebuilding Fire Station 2, the City of Sunnyvale would be able to meet higher demand in response to intensifying fire seasons throughout the State, improve interoperability among jurisdictions by expanding capacity for regional training, increase emergency preparedness by training more community volunteers, ensure living and working conditions meet modern health and safety standards, and achieve sustainability goals with green building design.

As a committed advocate for the safety of Sunnyvale residents and the County as a whole, as well as the sustainability of the community, I respectfully ask for your support to rebuild Fire Station 2 in Sunnyvale. Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at (408) 446-2810 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Evan Low

Assemblymember, 26th District – San José/Silicon Valley

## Otto Lee

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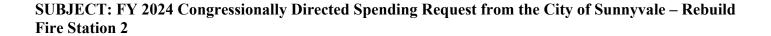
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Dear Representative Khanna:

I am pleased to support the City of Sunnyvale's request for rebuild of Fire Station 2 located at 795 East Arques Avenue.

Fire Station 2 is nearly 60 years old and has quickly outgrown its original footprint and is well past due its expected useful service life. The station currently does not have enough restrooms or equipment storage. The facilities also lack features that are standard in most modern stations, leading to higher utility costs and inadequate living conditions.

The station serves as a vital training center, serving more than 400 people annually. It is one of only two facilities that offers required training for firefighters in Santa Clara County, which is home to more than 4 million people. With wildfires remaining a constant risk, it is critical that we continue to invest in facilities that support training our first responders. In addition, Fire Station 2 hosts emergency preparedness training for volunteers and city public safety officers.

Rebuilding the station will improve emergency response in east-central Sunnyvale, accommodate greater utilization by public safety personnel, and enhance regional training capacity. It will also help the City achieve its sustainability goals for green building design and construction.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Chief of Staff, Wendy Ho at (408) 299-5030 or via email at wendy.ho@bos.sccgov.org.

Sincerely,

Otto O. Lee

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RE: FY 2023 Congressionally Directed Spending Request from the City of Sunnyvale – Rebuild Fire Station 2

Dear Congressman Khanna,

The Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support the City of Sunnyvale's request to rebuild Fire Station 2 located at 795 East Arques Avenue.

Fire Station 2 was built in 1964 and has quickly outgrown its original footprint and is well past due its expected useful service life. The station currently does not have enough restrooms or equipment storage.

The station serves as a vital training center, serving more than 400 people annually. It is one of only two facilities that offers required training for firefighters in Santa Clara County, a county home to more than 4 million people. With wildfires becoming more and more prevalent, it is critical that we continue to invest in facilities that support training our first responders. In addition, Fire Station 2 hosts emergency preparedness training for volunteers and city public safety officers.

Rebuilding the station will improve emergency response in east-central Sunnyvale, accommodate greater utilization by public safety personnel, and enhance regional training capacity. Our firefighters are on the frontlines, called to emergencies locally and statewide. Modern facilities will allow them to better prepare and respond to the needs our community and our state.

Thank you for your consideration. Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Regards,

Dawn Maher

Dawn Maher, CEO Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce



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# RE: FY 2024 Community Project Funding Request from the City of Sunnyvale – Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing

Dear Congressman Khanna:

On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, we respectfully submit a Community Project Funding request for \$3,000,000 to provide a separated pedestrian and bicycle pathway to connect north and south Bernardo Avenue. This crossing will go beneath the Caltrain railroad tracks and Central Expressway. The project will expand and connect the active transportation networks of Sunnyvale and Mountain View, support equity in transportation for those who cannot or choose not to drive, reduce vehicle emissions, and help meet our climate action plan by encouraging active transportation.

The enclosed Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing Project Sheet outlines the benefits to Californians by funding this pathway project.

Thank you for considering our request. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Chip Taylor, Director of Public Works, at <a href="mailto:ctaylor@sunnyvale.ca.gov">ctaylor@sunnyvale.ca.gov</a> if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Larry Klein Mayor

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Chip Taylor, Director of Public Works

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# Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing



Commute corridors should **get people where they need to go** safely and efficiently. But today, **Bernardo Avenue**, **a major north-south route**, **is bisected** by the Caltrain commuter rail and Central Expressway. This **is a major barrier for bicyclists and pedestrians**. Multiple agencies are collaborating to **install an undercrossing beneath the tracks and expressway**. There is strong support for this project that would **better connect residential areas**, **job centers and recreation**.

#### **Quick Facts**

Requested Funds\*

Total Project Cost







\$30 M

**MEETS GOALS** 

- City
- © County
- Bay Area
- State Federal

#### **PROJECT NEED**

The VTA Countywide Bike Plan identifies the Caltrain tracks as an Access Barrier Crossing

#### **LOCATION**

Bernardo Avenue at the Caltrain and Central Expressway crossings

\* Will supplement \$25M from VTA 2016 Measure B, Cities of Sunnyvale and Mountain View, and One Bay Area Grant 2

# The Undercrossing Will:

- Connect residential neighborhoods to 200,000+ jobs in Moffett Park, Peery Park, East Whisman and Bayfront
- Provide access to recreation, including Baylands Park, Twin Creeks Sports Complex and the Bay Trail
- Expand and connect the active transportation networks of Sunnyvale and Mountain View
- Make biking and walking more accessible and comfortable with an off-road segment
- Significantly reduce the distances commuters currently travel to get to a crossing
- Encourage biking and walking which eases traffic and reduces vehicle emissions
- Support equity in transportation for those who cannot or choose not to drive



## Safe, Convenient, Connected Networks

The Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing project will provide a separated pedestrian and bicycle pathway. This pathway will connect north and south Bernardo Avenue. The crossing will go beneath the Caltrain railroad tracks and Central Expressway. VTA and the cities of Sunnyvale and Mountain View are leading the project. The undercrossing will connect into existing bicycle lanes on Bernardo and Evelyn avenues. These connections will link Sunnyvale and Mountain View networks and the countywide commuter bicycle lanes on Central Expressway.

# Aligns with Multiple Policies & Initiatives

- Active Transportation Plans
- Vision Zero Plans
- Climate Action Plans
- Green Stormwater Infrastructure Plan
- Complete Streets Policies
- VTA & MTC Regional Transportation Plans

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RE: FY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending Request – Undercrossing for Bernardo Avenue

Dear Congressmember Khanna,

I am writing to respectfully urge you to support the City of Sunnyvale's Community Project Funding request to build a pedestrian and bicycle undercrossing to connect North and South Bernardo Avenue.

While California continues to lead the nation in investing in reducing emissions through vehicular transportation, Sunnyvale has shown its commitment to supporting these sustainability and environmental goals through projects to encourage people to walk or bike safely through its ambitious Climate Action Plan. Not only would the proposed undercrossing connect North and South Bernardo Avenue in Sunnyvale, but the active transportation networks between Sunnyvale and Mountain View would also become integrated for those who walk and bike.

Wider roadways such as Expressways can be challenging for pedestrians and cyclists, considering the distance to a crossing and safety. As the undercrossing would go beneath the Caltrain railroad tracks and the highly-trafficked Central Expressway, this project involves collaboration between the Cities of Sunnyvale, Mountain View, the California Department of Transportation, and the County of Santa Clara. Not only would this project benefit residents of Sunnyvale, but it reflects the regional collaboration required on the local, state, and federal levels to invest in equitable connectivity of our transportation systems and an investment in an environmentally-friendly future.

As a committed advocate for the safety of Sunnyvale residents and the sustainability of the community, I respectfully ask for your support for the undercrossing on Bernardo Avenue in Sunnyvale. Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at (408) 446-2810 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Evan Low

Assemblymember, 26th District – San José/Silicon Valley

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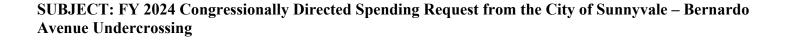
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#### Dear Representative Khanna:

I am pleased to provide my full support of the City of Sunnyvale's request for funding to support the City's Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing project to provide a separated pedestrian and bicycle pathway to connect north and south Bernardo Avenue.

The Undercrossing will help expand and connect the active transportation networks of Sunnyvale and Mountain View, serving as an important link between residential neighborhoods to over 200,000 jobs in nearby areas and provide residents access to recreational areas including parks and complexes. This environmentally friendly project will also contribute to a reduction in vehicle emissions, decrease the distances that commuters travel to get to a crossing, and meet the City's climate action plan by encouraging active transportation such as biking and walking.

For these reasons, I am confident that the funds for the Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing will contribute to a greener, healthier community. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Chief of Staff, Wendy Ho at (408) 299-5030 or via email at wendy.ho@bos.sccgov.org.

Sincerely,

Otto O. Lee



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RE: FY 2023 Federal Funding Request from the City of Sunnyvale for two active transportation improvement projects.

Dear Congressman Khanna,

On behalf of Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC), a nonprofit creating a healthy community, environment, and economy through bicycling, we are writing to express support for the City of Sunnyvale's request for funding for the two active transportation improvement projects:

- Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing
- Safe Routes to Schools and Parks

Both of the proposed projects align with SVBC's goals of having low-stress routes, crossing major barriers and safe routes to school and connecting the community. The projects will promote active transportation, mode shift, safety, equity, and connectivity. By enhancing the safety and improving the comfortability in the pedestrian and bicycle networks, these projects will expand mode choice and reduce automobile trips. In addition, these projects support the City's goal in reducing vehicle miles travel and greenhouse gas emissions. They will also enhance the multi-modal system serving the greater Bay Area.

When the city of Sunnyvale adopted its Active Transportation Plan in 2020, one of SVBC's asks to the city was to procure funding to help a faster build-out of the proposed projects in the Plan. It is exciting to see the city of Sunnyvale making use of this excellent opportunity to help achieve their goals faster. We strongly support the projects and we request you to consider providing funding for these important projects.

Sincerely,

Shiloh Ballard

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I am writing as the Chair of Livable Sunnyvale, a coalition of individuals and organizations that are working together toward a more vibrant, inclusive and people-friendly Sunnyvale. With over 135 members, we educate and activate Sunnyvale residents and elected officials to secure an environmentally sustainable future with broadly shared prosperity and a high quality of life. I am writing to express support for the City of Sunnyvale's request for funding for the two active transportation improvement projects:

- Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing
- Safe Routes to Schools and Parks

Livable Sunnyvale strives to ensure equity in the transportation network. We support transportation solutions that protect the environment and reduce traffic. We also encourage the development of walkable, transit-friendly village centers, with homes, shops, jobs and green space. We are highly concerned with the slow pace of progress in making bicycling and walking safe in Sunnyvale and how this lack of change makes our climate goals less and less realistic.

Attachment 3

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Thank you for considering providing funding for these important projects.

Sincerely,

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