

September 3, 2020

Mitch Weiss
California Transportation Commission
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**RE: Support for City of San Mateo Active Transportation Program Request for Funding
the Delaware Street Safe Routes to School Bicycle Project**

Dear Mr. Weiss,

On behalf of the San Mateo City Council, I am pleased to write this letter in strong support of the City of San Mateo's Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 5 grant application. The City is seeking grant funding to support the design and construction of bicycle facilities on Delaware Street to upgrade the existing facilities to more safely, comfortably, and easily connect students and their families to their local schools. If approved, this funding will help to implement a new Class IV separated bike lane and Class III bicycle boulevard to provide critical connectivity and safety improvements to access two of our local public schools.

We fully support this project to increase safety, enhance public health, and maintain a high quality of life for the San Mateo community. The City of San Mateo City Council has a strong desire to develop a convenient, comfortable, and safe bike network that connects San Mateo's neighborhoods, transit, schools, and parks. This project will serve as a foundation for implementing the proposed bicycle network in the San Mateo 2020 Bicycle Master Plan, adopted April 2020, and will help the City achieve the goals and objectives outlined in the City's General Plan, Climate Action Plan, and Sustainable Streets Plan by supporting Safe Routes to School.

Given the effort of the City and region to encourage multimodal transportation in support of shared environmental goals, we believe this project is an important step forward in building a safe and equitable bicycle network throughout the City, and providing our young residents a safe option for commuting to their schools. Toward this end, the Council strongly supports the City of San Mateo's grant application for this work.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Joe Goethals
Mayor