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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