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RE: Letter of Support – Stockton Boulevard Safety and Transit Enhancement Project (STEP)

Dear Mr. Corless:

On behalf of the Sacramento County Disability Advisory Commission Physical Access Subcommittee (DAC PASC), I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the **Stockton Boulevard Safety and Transit Enhancement Project (STEP)**.

Stockton Boulevard is a **high injury corridor** that serves countless residents who rely on bicycling, walking, and transit for daily travel. Yet the existing corridor presents significant barriers to safe and comfortable bicycle and pedestrian travel, including high vehicle speeds, limited protected infrastructure, and a history of severe-injury and fatal collisions involving vulnerable roadway users. The STEP project responds to these challenges by proposing **comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian safety and connectivity improvements** throughout the County and City segments.

From DAC PASC's perspective, STEP advances several essential priorities:

- **Safe Facilities:** The inclusion of protected bikeways and complete sidewalks that will meaningfully reduce collision risks and create a more predictable environment for users of all ages and abilities.
- **Equity and Access:** Communities along this corridor, including South Sacramento's Environmental Justice areas, have historically faced disproportionate safety risks and limited access to low-cost, low-emission mobility options. STEP's bicycle enhancements provide more equitable access to jobs, schools, businesses, and transit services.
- **Integration With Transit:** By improving bicycle access to SacRT's high-ridership Route 51 and by creating safer first-/last-mile connections, STEP strengthens multimodal options and supports regional goals to increase transit ridership and reduce vehicle miles traveled.

- **Regional Coordination:** We commend the collaborative approach between the City of Sacramento, Sacramento County, and SacRT to ensure a consistent, high-quality bicycle network across jurisdictional boundaries—an essential factor for rider safety and comfort.

DAC PASC strongly encourages SACOG to support the City of Sacramento’s funding application for STEP. This project represents a transformative opportunity to deliver **safer streets and a meaningful shift toward sustainable, equitable mobility** across the region.

Thank you for considering this important investment.

Sincerely,

Gene Lozano
DAC PASC Chairperson