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BikeSGV's mission is to support a more bicycle-, pedestrian- and transit-friendly San Gabriel Valley.

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Mr. James Enriquez
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RE: Letter of Support for the Pico Rivera Regional Bikeway Project – Scope Change Request

Dear Mr. Enriquez,

On behalf of Bike San Gabriel Valley (BikeSGV), I am writing to underline our support for the ATP scope change request for the Pico Rivera Regional Bikeway Project.

The Pico Rivera Regional Bikeway Project will close a gap between two major Class I bicycle facilities, link schools, libraries and parks within the City of Pico Rivera, and connect to existing bicycle infrastructure in adjacent cities. The project follows recommendations made in both the *Los Angeles County Bicycle Master Plan* and the Circulation Element of the *City of Pico Rivera General Plan*. One of the key challenges of implementing these plans is regional connectivity. While the San Gabriel River Trail follows the length of the river, crossings are infrequent, and cyclists must drastically alter their path of travel to reach the other side by currently traveling on major traffic congested arterials, such as Whittier Boulevard (Route 72) and Washington Boulevard, where on and off ramps to the 605 FWY are also safety concerns.

Furthermore, there is no connection between the San Gabriel River Trail and the Rio Hondo Bike Path. The proposed Project will resolve these challenges and improve safety, mobility, will provide better protection from vehicular traffic for bicyclists and pedestrians. The Project will also provide local residents the opportunity to enjoy safe continuous bike rides or walks along Mines Avenue to the San Gabriel River Trail with a safe crossing over the San Gabriel River to connect to the adjacent city with existing bike lanes along Mines Avenue. As part of the scope change, the City is proposing to install the bike/pedestrian bridge away from a Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Crossing reducing the chances of injuries/accidents at the RR crossing. It will install dedicated bike lanes along Mines Avenue with traffic calming strategies, wayfinding signage, enhanced crosswalks, and traffic signal modifications for bicycle detection.

By helping make sustainable and low-cost forms of transportation like bicycling, walking, and scooting more viable for residents of all ages and abilities, the proposed scope change will reduce barriers to healthier, more active lifestyles in the region. If BikeSGV can be of any further assistance with regard to this effort, or you have questions regarding our support, please contact me at wes@bikeSGV.org.

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