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## RE: Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee Letter of Support for the Sonoma County Multijurisdictional Safe and Resilient Routes to Schools, Parks, and Transit Demonstration and Supplemental Planning Project

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On August 7, 2024, the City of Petaluma's Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) authorized this letter of support for Sonoma County Transportation Authority's application to the US Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program for the Sonoma County Multijurisdictional Safe and Resilient Routes to Schools, Parks, and Transit Demonstration and Supplemental Planning Project.

The City of Petaluma is committed to eliminating severe injuries and deaths from traffic collisions and achieving carbon neutrality by 2030. In 2023, the City launched two programs key to meeting these goals. The **Safe Streets Nomination Program** created an accessible, data-driven process through which community members can request safety improvements on City streets, which are then ranked and prioritized for implementation based on collision history and proximity to schools and parks. The **Safe Routes to Schools Task Force** holds monthly walk audits and follow-up meetings to discuss safety issues and proposed countermeasures around schools.

Through these two programs, our community has identified hundreds of desired improvements. The projects located in Petaluma in this countywide application represent those that have been prioritized based on the criteria noted above and are aligned with the Safe Streets and Road For All Grant Program's criteria and goals.

This multijurisdictional project reflects a critical, formative, and low-cost strategy to help the our agencies to achieve safety on over 10 miles of streets over a wide geographic area. Through this inter-city collaboration, this project will trial new strategies including development of a comprehensive quick build toolkit (guidance, plans and costs), hosting robust 1-day pop-up community engagement events to inform final quick build design, and trialing new treatments. Examples of innovative treatments include modular traffic circles and roundabouts, and speed cushions. Quick build installations will provide blueprints for future permanent and resilient infrastructure projects.

Thank you for your strong consideration of the proposed project. Our committee enthusiastically supports the SCTA and the jurisdictional partners' innovative efforts to improve safety, active transportation mobility, and healthy environments for Sonoma County residents of all ages and abilities.

Sincerely,

Marja Tarr, Chair  
Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee