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RE: Clearlake's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant

This letter is written in support of the City of Clearlake's application for funding under the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program.

The Dam Road Connectivity Improvement Project proposes construction of a multi-lane, circular roundabout to replace a four-way conventional, four-way stop (unsignalized) intersection, located approximately 400 feet from Highway 53 (SR 53) and near the Clearlake Shopping Center. This project will mainly address safety and congestion. Roundabouts increase traffic capacity and make intersections safer and efficient. The project will improve the traveling conditions for transit vehicles accessing the area as well as improve safety for pedestrians at crossing and reduce traffic congestion. The need for safe crossings has been made clear from a history of collisions involving pedestrians or bicyclists attempting to access residential, commercial, and/or institutional services located on either side of SR 53.

State route 53 is a busy corridor that runs through the City of Clearlake with highway access at Dam Road. The City of Clearlake's 2040 General Plan, Goal CI 4, is to enhance the walkability and bicycle friendliness of the city's infrastructure. Objectives to enhance pedestrian bicycle networks with sidewalks are intended to promote active transportation and alleviate traffic congestion in areas of high pedestrian activity. Having a roundabout will address and improve bicycle, pedestrian, and vehicular traffic access by supporting the increased use by all.

The County of Lake fully supports the application and strongly encourages the funding of this important effort to provide better, safer and multi-modal access opportunities for members of the Clearlake community.

Respectively,

Bruno Sabatier, Chair
Lake County Board of Supervisors