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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

#### **RE: Support for City of Clearlake's Lakeshore Drive Safety Enhancement Project**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

It is with great enthusiasm that I extend the Lake County's Board of Supervisors full support for the City of Clearlake's application to the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) competitive grant program. This project not only promises to transform Lakeshore Drive but also serves as a critical component of Lake County's broader commitment to safe and accessible transportation as outlined in our Lake County Active Transportation Plan.

The proposed Lakeshore Drive Safety Enhancement Project (Project) addresses a 1.3-mile stretch known for its traffic safety challenges, from Olympic Drive to Highway 53. This road is a vital artery for not just Clearlake but surrounding communities, as well. By securing \$16.9 million in SS4A grant funding, including \$3.38 million in local matching funds, we aim to dramatically improve this corridor with new sidewalks, dedicated bicycle lanes, enhanced lighting, and green infrastructure stormwater management solutions.

These improvements will not only reduce the number of vehicle miles traveled but also bolster our ongoing efforts to promote multimodal transport options, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions and enhancing the quality of life for all county residents. The project's alignment with both local and regional transportation safety goals demonstrates our collective commitment to building a sustainable and inclusive future.

I appreciate your consideration of this transformative project, which will undeniably benefit the broader Lake County region. Thank you for supporting our efforts to ensure safer, more equitable transportation solutions.

Kind regards,

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Bruno Sabatier, Chair  
Lake County Board of Supervisors