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The Honorable Sean Duffy 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 Duffy:

As a community partner committed to advancing community safety and multimodal mobility, I write to express our strong support for the City of Clearlake's application to the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant Program offered by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT). This endorsement stems from our collective commitment to the safety and well-being of all Clearlake residents.

The Lakeshore Drive Safety Enhancement Project will transform a high-injury, one-mile segment of Lakeshore Drive—between Olympic Drive and Highway 53—by installing new sidewalks, dedicated bicycle lanes, refuge islands, ADA-compliant curb ramps, green stormwater infrastructure, and enhanced street lighting. This stretch of road is central to our community but has tragically become a hotspot for traffic-related incidents, including severe accidents involving our pedestrians and cyclists. With a total project budget of \$19,934,000, including \$3,986,800, in non-federal local matching funds, this initiative directly addresses documented crash hotspots, promotes equitable access, and advances USDOT priorities for safe, sustainable communities.

These improvements are designed to promote safer, multimodal transportation options, reduce vehicle miles traveled, and cut down on emissions, aligning perfectly with USDOT's priorities of fostering inclusive and sustainable communities.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical safety investment. Your support will help save lives, enhance equity for all, and build a more sustainable future for Clearlake.

Warm regards,

Eddie "EJ" Crandell, Chair Lake County Board of Supervisors