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Gabriel Corley
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RE: Draft California Transportation Plan 2040

Dear Mr. Corley,

The City of South Pasadena (City) appreciates the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for their diligent work on the Draft California Transportation Plan (CTP) 2040. The City supports the Draft CTP's vision of a "safe, sustainable, universally accessible, and globally competitive" transportation system that is an "integrated, interconnected, and resilient multimodal system [that] supports a thriving economy, human and environmental health, and social equity". The goals and policies outlined in the Draft CTP provide a clear understanding that "adding automobile capacity is not the answer" and that the State should "prioritize funding toward transportation alternatives that enhance efficient and affordable mobility".

As a proponent for linking land use with transportation planning the City has seen significant benefits generated by the Metro Gold Line and hopes that the Draft CTP will help foster greater transit connectivity. This may be achieved with the Draft CTP's strategy to "reduce vehicle miles traveled and increase a shift to more sustainable transportation modes". In addition, the City strongly supports the need to invest limited financial resources strategically by optimizing the existing transportation system with Transportation System Management and Transportation Demand Management strategies and developing a more multimodal system that provides all users with more transportation options. The City is committed to increasing transportation options and supports the expansion of infrastructure for alternative modes of transportation in the region, including the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension and the Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit expansion project.



The City is hopeful that the Draft CTP will act as the “overreaching guide and vision for all other plans and transportation investments” that it was designed as and provide guidance to regional and local transportation agencies. The City will remain engaged in the CTP process and looks forward to working with Caltrans to meet the State’s future travel needs while reducing greenhouse gases.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact Sergio Gonzalez, City Manager, at sgonzalez@southpasadenaca.gov or (626)403-7210.

Sincerely,



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