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California Department of Transportation
Division of Local Assistance
1120 N Street, MS 1
Attn: Office of Active Transportation and Special Programs
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Broadway Improvements between Schnell School Road and Point View Drive

Dear Application Evaluators,

The El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency is very pleased to be able to submit this Letter of Support for the City of Placerville's proposed Active Transportation Program (ATP). This project addresses high priority concerns voiced by both professionals and our residents. The project represents a broad spectrum of strategies designed to increase modes for active transportation, including improvements to streets, sidewalks and paths.

By creating a safer, more walkable and bikeable community, the project will provide opportunities for everyday physical activity – a critical and effective mode of public health intervention to address the obesity epidemic. Also, with more citizens of Placerville out and about, the improvements will also help to address personal safety issues, support reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, and lend to the vibrancy of City disadvantaged neighborhoods. It is a transportation priority in our City to add sidewalks concurrently with bicycle lanes.

Thank you for careful consideration for this project as we continue to work to meet basic needs and improve the quality of life for residents in our community. This project is a high priority in our community and will increase bicycling and walking in the already highly trafficked area. We respectfully urge you to consider the City of Placerville's proposed ATP project.

Sincerely,

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