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**Subject: 2020/21 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Letter of Support for the City of Los Angeles' Linking Warner Center as an Active Transportation Hub to Jobs/Housing**

Dear Julia Lippe-Klein,

The Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council is pleased to submit this letter of support for the City of Los Angeles' efforts to secure funding under SCAG's 2020/21 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) for the proposed Linking Warner Center as an Active Transportation Hub to Jobs/Housing Plan (Linking Warner Center). The proposed Linking Warner Center effort will develop a planning strategy for critical pedestrian and bicycle improvements within the 1.5 square miles of the Warner Center plan area within the City of Los Angeles.

Key elements of the Linking Warner Center Active Transportation Plan and First/Last Mile Plan will:

- Identify active transportation barriers and opportunities
- Conduct a technical analysis and Level of Traffic Stress study for the project area
- Identify safety and active transportation priorities through coordinated public engagement, prioritizing disinvested communities and non-traditional stakeholders
- Create active transportation network maps and design treatments for typical intersections, roadway configurations, and trails within the plan area
- Establish prioritization criteria for future projects and create a priority project list
- Advance the top 3 priority projects to 30% construction documents with cost estimates
- Develop funding strategies for the 3 priority projects, including the preparation of grant funding applications (Active Transportation Program, Urban Greening, Safe Clean Water Program) for each
- Implement long-term maintenance strategies

The Linking Warner Center Plan will result in a community-driven planning process in which local residents and stakeholders will take the lead in identifying problem areas in the plan area and selecting design solutions that would best ensure safe active transportation options for the community.

Warner Center has long prioritized speeding automobiles over safety for pedestrians and cyclists. In the plan area, stretches of the major arterials span nearly 70-feet, creating a highway-like thoroughfare that runs adjacent to residences, schools, local businesses, and other community institutions and destinations.

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The Linking Warner Center Plan represents a bold effort to address dire safety issues in the plan area and serves as a catalyst to future efforts that will transform its neighborhoods into a safe and inspiring public space for residents of the entire community. The proposed planning effort is well-positioned to provide its residents and visitors with local-level access to neighborhood resources and prominent regional assets by closing critical active transportation gaps left by current and proposed projects in the surrounding area.

In order to contribute to the success of the Linking Warner Center Plan, the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council is committed to offering assistance by providing: **(PLEASE NOTE: SUGGESTED ITEMS LISTED BELOW ARE ALIGNED WITH THE PLAN'S SCOPE OF WORK, PLEASE ADD/EDIT AS APPROPRIATE)**

- Distribution of plan updates, announcements, and social media updates to the WHWCNC's contact list
- Provide opportunities for presentations to and involvement by the WHWCNC and its board members to ensure that the plan is consistent with community priorities support and input for future grant funding applications tied to the Linking Warner Center Plan

The Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council respectfully requests that you give favorable consideration to this funding application which will allow the Warner Center and surrounding West San Fernando Valley neighborhoods to achieve their goal of creating a safe and sustainable active transportation environment. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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