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Subject: Application for Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Funds

Dear HCAOG:

The City of Blue Lake (City) would like to apply for a portion of the Transportation Development Act Local Transportation Funds to use for a Complete Streets consultant for various projects in Blue Lake. The City is currently in the design phase for the Truck Route redesign, multiple developments on Taylor Way, and the City is planning to implement traffic calming and Complete Street needs identified in the City's Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP). The City would like to make bike and pedestrian safety a priority for all of these and all future projects within the City. The City is applying for \$5,000 to consult with Dan Burden Consultants to develop bike and pedestrian safety criteria and Complete Street strategies that meet the needs of the community.

Responses to Evaluation Criteria Questions

- 1. Matching Funds—Is the city or county willing to match its request at 50% or greater?**

The City is not planning to match funds.

- 2. Safety—Will the proposed project affect safety at existing facilities or improve safety by building new facilities? When describing the project conditions, include any accident statistics, pavement condition, maintenance issues and describe how the project will correct or improve the situation. Will the proposed project improve safety or correct an existing safety problem including providing secure parking for bicycles?**

The City would like to use these funds to make bike and pedestrian safety a priority when planning future projects, specifically the Truck Route project and the development for Taylor Way.

- 3. Project Readiness—Describe if this is a new or continuing project. Is the project ready for construction or implementation in the next fiscal year? If the request is for maintenance of a regional facility, please provide the maintenance budget. Also, describe if past allocations have not been spent and if so, why not?**

The City can implement these funds immediately; the city is ready to consult with Dan Burden for multiple projects.

4. Special Considerations—Does the proposed project provide a benefit to City/County residents or visitors that have not been discussed elsewhere?

The developments within Blue Lake will encourage visitors to Blue Lake; therefore, ensuring bike and pedestrian safety is critical and will benefit more than just the residents of Blue Lake. The Complete Streets components utilized in Blue Lake could also serve as examples that other communities can implement for bike and pedestrian safety.

5. Maintenance of Project—How will the proposed project be maintained?

The requested funds would be utilized for planning and design purposes, that will benefit many current and future projects.

6. Connectivity—Will the proposed project close a missing link in an existing local or regional bike or pedestrian plan? If requesting funds for maintenance of a regional facility, was the facility considered a missing link in a regional plan?

The requested funding would go towards Complete Street planning within Blue Lake, considering connectivity to other City pathways, trails, and schools.

7. Regional Significance—Is the proposed project regionally significant? If so, explain why. Are any other agencies involved in the planning or implementation of the proposed project? Please list the agencies and their involvement. If the request is for maintenance of a regional facility, were there any other agencies involved in the planning or implementation of the facility?

The proposed project areas are in proximity to the regionally significant Annie and Mary Trail corridor. The implemented bike and pedestrian features could serve as access for local residents to get onto the Annie and Mary Trail.

8. Traffic Generators—Will the proposed project serve major bicycle or pedestrian traffic generators such as schools, libraries, work sites, downtown areas, retail centers, transit nodes? If the request is for maintenance of a regional facility, does the facility serve major bicycle or pedestrian traffic generators such as schools, libraries, work sites, downtown areas, retail centers, transit nodes?

The proposed developments on Taylor Way will become major traffic generators. That is why it is critical to plan for bike and pedestrian safety at this planning stage to ensure all future developments are designed with Complete Streets as a consideration.

9. Multi-Modal Interface—How will the project encourage multi-modal travel? If the project is for maintenance of a regional facility, how does the facility encourage multi-modal travel?

The requested funding would go towards developing plans and design criteria for multi-modal travel for future developments within Blue Lake.

10. Supplemental Information—Location Map

See attached for a map showing the location of existing trails and the proposed project areas.

Project Map

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Truck Route Project Area

Proposed traffic calming measure locations identified in LRSP

Regional Annie and Mary Trail

Local Trails

Proposed bike park area

Proposed Taylor Way Development Area

Proposed Development Area

