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Mayor Catherine Blakespear

City of Encinitas

505 S. Vulcan

Encinitas, CA 92024

Subject: Support for Proposed Cardiff Protected Bike Lanes

Dear Mayor Blakespear:

On behalf of Circulate San Diego, whose mission is to create excellent mobility choices and vibrant, healthy neighborhoods, I write in support of the proposed Cardiff protected bike lanes. By upgrading the existing bike lanes on Coast Highway 101 through Cardiff to Class IV bike lanes, the City of Encinitas will demonstrate its leadership on safety and climate action.

Class IV separated and protected bike lanes are the best urban bicycle infrastructure because it is the safest. Class IV bike lanes prevent needless bicyclist fatalities and serious injuries while also encouraging more riders. People who do not feel comfortable riding in fast moving traffic will be more likely to travel via bicycle because it feels safer and is safer. More riders will increase mode shift and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, helping Encinitas meet its Climate Action Plan goals.

Additionally, the proposed project creates a connected network of protected bikeways. The proposed Class IV bike lanes will connect two completely separated Class I rail trails – the Solana Beach Coastal Rail Trail and the newly completed Cardiff Rail Trail. This increases the number of places where families can ride to while feeling safe, which itself will increase ridership as the connected network grows.

For these reasons, we ask that you approve the proposed Class IV bike lanes and continue to install safe infrastructure throughout Encinitas. Thank you for supporting safe streets.

Sincerely,

Maya Rosas

Director of Policy

CC:

Encinitas City Council

Karen Brust, City Manager