

**Letter of Support Template for the
Metro L (Gold) Line Fairplex Safety and Connectivity Project**

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Laurie Waters, Associate Deputy Director
California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street MS52
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Associate Deputy Director Waters,

On behalf of the City of Pomona, we are writing to express our support for San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments' (SGVCOG) grant application to the Statewide Active Transportation Program (ATP) for the Metro L (Gold) Line Fairplex Safety and Connectivity Project, which includes the design and construction of a pedestrian overcrossing that will serve as a critical connector between the future Metro La Verne L (Gold) Line Station and Los Angeles County's Fairplex. This project will not only make the Metro La Verne L (Gold) Line Station and Fairplex convenient for Los Angeles County and San Bernardino County residents and visitors to access, but also significantly reduces conflicts between pedestrian and vehicle movements on a busy and non-pedestrian friendly traffic thoroughfare.

The City of Pomona proudly supports projects and initiatives that promote active transportation and pedestrian safety efforts in the San Gabriel Valley and recognizes that this project is a vital part of SGVCOG's efforts to create greater regional mobility. Disadvantaged communities are often transit-dependent and disproportionately represented in severe and fatal injuries from traffic collisions. By providing an overhead passage from the future La Verne L (Gold) Line Station to the Fairplex campus, Los Angeles County and San Bernardino County residents and visitors that travel to visit Fairplex via the future La Verne L (Gold) Line Station will be able to safely cross Arrow Highway without experiencing the risk of auto/pedestrian collisions. Additionally, this project will also connect riders and local residents to Metro's regional transit system by foot and bike to the jobs, housing, and amenities that will be developed on the Fairplex campus in the near future.

Investing in this project will also support the State's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. By increasing accessibility and providing a safe connection from the future La Verne L (Gold) Line Station to the Fairplex campus, this project removes a major barrier to regional connectivity and creates an environment that encourages La Verne, Los Angeles County, and San Bernardino County residents and visitors to choose non-motorized modes of transportation to visit Fairplex. As a result, this project can directly reduce traffic, greenhouse gas emissions, and smog emissions as a majority of the three million annual visitors travel by car to Fairplex. This can provide

residents from disadvantaged communities' additional opportunities to enjoy the public health benefits of recreation and connection to Fairplex and nearby communities.

The City of Pomona respectfully requests that you provide favorable consideration to this application, which will allow the SGVCOG to greatly advance active living for a healthier and more connected San Gabriel Valley. Thank you for your time and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

James Makshanoff
City Manager
City of Pomona