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RE: SUPPORT – SB 538 – Caltrans Chief Advisor on Cycling and Active Transportation

Dear Senator Portantino:

On behalf of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), I am pleased to offer this letter of support for Senate Bill (SB) 538. This bill would require the director of Caltrans to appoint a Chief Advisor on Cycling and Active Transportation, who shall serve as the department’s authority on all issues related to bicycle transportation, safety, and infrastructure. The advisor would be required to serve as a point of contact for stakeholders, the public, and local officials to gather feedback and provide support. The advisor’s work would be undertaken with the goal of lowering bicycle and pedestrian deaths and increasing public access to active transportation.

SB 538 is consistent with legislative principles adopted by the Regional Council at the start of the year to support legislative efforts that protect the safety of active transportation users.

If SCAG can be of further assistance to you on this bill, please contact Mr. Kevin Gilhooley, Legislation Manager, at (213) 236-1878 or via e-mail at gilhooley@scag.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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