



City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

CITY COUNCIL NPUA HACN

Regular Special

Meeting Date: May 12, 2026

Title: Letters of Support for SBCTA grant applications for Student Safe 360

Background: The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) is currently preparing applications for two separate grant programs for the Student Safe360 project and is requesting letters of support from the City of Needles to demonstrate regional support to the California Transportation Commission and the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Student Safe360 is a countywide Active Transportation Safety and Education initiative focused on improving safety for students and other vulnerable roadway users through education, awareness, and behavior-based safety strategies. The program includes traffic garden demonstration sites, K–12 multimodal safety curriculum, micromobility guidance, and educator training designed to support safer walking, bicycling, and access to public transit.

The project prioritizes disadvantaged communities and utilizes low-cost, adaptable materials to create a sustainable, countywide transportation safety education program through stakeholder engagement, evaluation, and a train-the-trainer model.

Fiscal Impact: None. Approval of support letters does not obligate the City to any financial commitment.

Recommendation: Approve the letters of support for SBCTA's Student Safe360 grant applications and authorize the Mayor to sign and transmit the letters.

Submitted By: Patrick Martinez, City Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 5/7/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____