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Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Letter of Support for SBCTA's Safe Streets and Roads for All Application

Dear Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of the City of Needles, I am pleased to express strong support for the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority's (SBCTA) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program for the Student Safe360 project.

Traffic safety remains a critical issue in communities across San Bernardino County, particularly for students and other vulnerable road users. The Student Safe360 project takes a proactive and comprehensive approach to improving safety by focusing on education, awareness, and behavior change strategies that complement infrastructure investments and broader safety initiatives.

SBCTA has demonstrated a strong commitment to advancing roadway safety and reducing serious injuries and fatalities throughout the region. This project builds on that commitment by equipping students, families, and school communities with the tools and knowledge needed to make safer travel decisions and contribute to a culture of safety.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund this important project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Janet Jernigan
Mayor
City of Needles