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Dear Mr. Benson and Mr. Moore:

The City of Arcadia would like to offer our support for the designation of proposed U.S. Bicycle Route 66 (USBR 66) through our community. We recognize that bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, contributing \$47 billion a year to the economies of communities that provide facilities for such tourists. As a community, we stand to benefit from this opportunity both economically, and from the health and environmental related benefits of encouraging bicycle travel in our region.

The U.S. Bicycle Route System is a bicycle based transportation system sponsored by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). The City of Arcadia lies within a much larger corridor that crosses/extends across Southern California, and specifically, connects transportation hubs throughout Los Angeles County.

The City of Arcadia is a community of approximately 60,000 people in an 11.2 square mile area located 20 miles east of Los Angeles. Arcadia has a broad commercial base attracting businesses ranging from the very small to the very large, including Westfield Santa Anita, a popular regional mall to popular restaurants. The City is also home to the renowned Santa Anita Race Track, and the Los Angeles County Arboretum.

The proposed route for USBR 66 will provide a benefit to our residents and businesses, and we endorse having the route mapped and signed, thereby promoting bicycle tourism in our area. Therefore, the City of Arcadia hereby expresses its support for USBR 66, and requests that the appropriate officials nominate the route for AASHTO designation as soon as this can be achieved.

Sincerely,

Philip A. Wray

Deputy Director of Development Services/City Engineer