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Subject: **CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT FOR
DESIGNATION OF UNITED STATES BICYCLES ROUTES 66 & 95**

Dear Mr. Moore,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), I am writing in support of establishing designated United States Bicycle Routes (USBR) 66 and 95 through the City of Los Angeles.

LADOT leads transportation planning, project delivery, and operations in the City of Los Angeles, including the design and installation of bicycle facilities. LADOT supports programs, policies, and infrastructure that encourage travel by bicycle within Los Angeles and between communities.

As you know, the U.S. Bicycle Route System is a developing national network of bicycle routes that connect urban, suburban, and rural areas using roads, trails, and other facilities appropriate for bicycle travel. Through their leadership, engagement, and organizing efforts, volunteers develop the routes for national designation by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). AASHTO's Special Committee on U.S. Route Numbering reviews U.S. Bicycle Route applications from state departments of transportation and assigns a numbered designation, similar to the U.S. highway system.

Designation by AASHTO of USBR 66 and USBR 95 will benefit Los Angeles by increasing visibility and awareness of bicycle travel, encouraging ridership, and providing a wayfinding resource to facilitate bicycle tourism both between and within communities. This effort is aligned with multiple City of Los Angeles policy priorities, including the Mobility Plan 2035, the Green New Deal, and local and regional initiatives to expand and support economic growth and sustainability.

On March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles City Council adopted Motion 20-0063 (Bonin-Buscaino) approving LADOT's submission of support to Caltrans and the designation of specific streets, subject to the review and final selection by LADOT. The Council action also reflects the support of the Los Angeles City Council

to make improvements and upgrades to the USBR turn-by-turn routes ultimately designed and approved by the City and submitted to AASHTO.

Therefore, I write to communicate the support of the City of Los Angeles for Caltrans to proceed with the process of officially designating these routes with AASHTO. We look forward to working together with Caltrans, AASHTO, and others involved in USBR planning as the designation process moves forward for USBR 66 and USBR 95 in California.

If you have any questions, please contact Clare Eberle of my staff at (213) 972-4971, or clare.eberle@lacity.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Seleta J. Reynolds".

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General Manager

c: The Honorable Mike Bonin, Councilmember, City of Los Angeles, District 11
The Honorable Joe Buscaino, Councilmember, City of Los Angeles, District 15