



**Planning & Community
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Mr. Dale Benson—Local Assistance
Mr. Paul Moore—Bicycle Facilities Unit
Caltrans District 7
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Benson and Mr. Moore,

The City of Santa Monica, with a population of approximately 92,000 residents, would like to offer our support for the designation of proposed U.S. Bicycle Routes (USBR) 66 and 95 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). Our city is fortunate to be located along the proposed routes of two much longer corridors: USBR 66 follows historic Highway Route 66 from Chicago to Santa Monica and USBR 95 extends from Canada to Mexico along the Pacific coast and connects with USBR 66.

Specifically, USBR 66 follows the Santa Monica Pier to Colorado Avenue, 2nd Street, and Broadway to the border with the City of Los Angeles. USBR 95 follows the Marvin Braude Bike Path along Santa Monica State Beach.

The proposed routes for USBR 66 and 95 will benefit our residents and businesses and we endorse having the routes mapped and signed to promote local bicycle tourism. The City of Santa Monica hereby expresses its support for USBR 66 and 95, and requests that the appropriate officials nominate the routes for AASHTO designation.

Sincerely,

Francie Stefan, Manager
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