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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Streets for All, in partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is pleased to submit the Marina Central Park: California (CA)-90 Re-Imagined Project (Project) located in Los Angeles, California, for consideration in the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Discretionary Grant Opportunity for Fiscal Year 2023.

Streets for All and Caltrans are requesting RCN grant funding for the Feasibility Study phase of the Project. The Project will study the feasibility of converting CA-90 – currently among the shortest and least utilized freeways in Los Angeles County – into a vibrant mix of housing, natural habitat, usable parks, and open space, all organized around a multi-modal transit system of bus, bike, and pedestrian infrastructure. Communities surrounding CA-90, which have been socially and economically divided by the freeway, will be closely involved in the process of envisioning the freeway's future and assessing the possibilities for transforming this underutilized, single-purpose infrastructure into a multi-functional space which connects, rather than separates, the people who live around it.

Streets for All and Caltrans thank USDOT for taking the time to review and consider our application.

Sincerely,

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