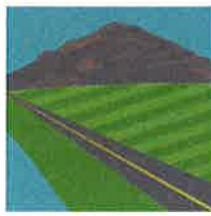


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RE: Mineral Multi-Use Path Partnership Project – Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Moore,

Tehama County Transportation Commission (TCTC) has been continuously working to address and improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists State Route (SR) 36E. This effort has evolved through ongoing partnerships, effective communication and continued commitment to serving the needs of the residents of Tehama County. The Mineral Multi-Use Path Partnership project focuses on improvements in mobility, safety, and accessibility for all users. TCTC is confident the proposed improvements will positively impact the community, public health, mobility, safety and economic conditions in this area.

Providing multimodal travel options is a crucial strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other environmental impacts associated with single-occupancy driving habits. TCTC, along with Caltrans is committed to working with our local communities to improve connections to schools, essential services and other destinations, to increase the accessibility of walking and bicycling. The planned improvements will help achieve these goals, as well as provide a safe environment for users of all ages and abilities to walk and bike. This will promote increased physical activity and encourage a mode shift from vehicular to non-vehicular alternatives for local trips to schools, business offices, stores, as well as recreational destinations.

SR 36E serves as the main street in the community. As a result, community members have expressed numerous challenges with safely navigating the corridor. The Mineral Multi-Use Path Partnership project focuses on improving existing conditions and constructing new infrastructure which includes: a 10' paved path, improved pedestrian crossings, pedestrian safety lighting, American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps, and drainage upgrades.

The proposed project area includes along SR 36 in the town of Mineral, between the Battle Creek Campground and State Route 172.

TCTC is fully confident that when this project is awarded the benefits will be felt for decades by many future generations.

Sincerely,

Jessica Riske-Gomez, Interim Executive Director
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