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September 28, 2018

Supervisor Janice Hahn
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 W. Temple Street, Room 866
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Dear Supervisor Hahn:

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The recent introduction of e-scooters has highlighted this mobility gap and raised the possibility that consumers prefer powered-mobility devices over strictly active modes for many of those short trips.

SBCCOG has a grant from Caltrans to look at the feasibility of a slow speed network in the South Bay to identify safe rights-of-way for e-scooters and other vehicles that operate at 25 mph or less.

In discussions with our cities, the county prohibition on motorized vehicles on county bike paths has been brought up. We also met with LA County Department of Public Works staff about a slow speed corridor on the Dominguez Channel which is currently being designed as a non-motorized bike path only.

With this letter, we are requesting that the Supervisors direct the staff to re-evaluate its motorized vehicle prohibition on county bike paths in light of the new technologies that have the potential to remove traditional vehicles from congested streets, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and improve safety.

The SBCCOG would welcome the opportunity to work with the county on this issue and even pilot an area in the South Bay to monitor how the change could be safely implemented and collect data on usage.

Please direct questions or comments to SBCCOG Executive Director, Jacki Bacharach.

Thank you for your consideration,

Britt Huff, SBCCOG Chair
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Cc: Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

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