



CMAQ/Article 3 Project Application

Project Applicant Information

Lead Agency or Organization: County of Ventura, Public Works Agency – Transportation Department		
Mailing Address: 800 S. Victoria Ave.		
City: Ventura	State: CA	Zip: 93009
Contact Person Name: Anitha Balan		Phone: (805) 654-2087
Title: Engineering Manager	E-mail: Anitha.Balan@ventura.org	

Project Information

1. <u>Project Name:</u> Rice Road Bike Lanes
2. <u>Project Type:</u> (Check all that apply) ☐ Transit ☒ Bicycle Facility ☐ Pedestrian Facility ☐ Other _____
3. <u>Project Description:</u> <i>(e.g. number of replacement or expansion vehicles including type, size, and purpose, for capital improvements include location, length, limits of work, size, etc. If bike lane, include length and class.)</i> The Rice Road Bike Lanes project involves pavement widening for installation of 2.4 Class II bike lane miles along Rice Road from State Route 150 (Baldwin Road) to Lomita Avenue in the Ojai Valley. This project is part of an effort to provide safe roadways for multiple modes of traffic and providing continuous connection to existing bike lanes and regional routes within the Ojai Valley Area. Rice Road serves an average of 2,100 vehicles per day.
4. <u>Project Location:</u> Rice Road from State Route 150 (Baldwin Road) to Lomita Avenue. ☒ Vicinity Map Attached ☒ Project Site Map or Site Plan Attached ☒ Photos Attached ☐ N/A
5. ☒ Check Box if project is a stand-alone project ☐ Check Box if project is part of a larger project. If project is part of a larger project, please describe:



6. Financial Information:

	CMAQ	Article 3	Required 11.47% Matching Funds (check box below)	Additional Local Funds	Total Project Cost
PE	\$163,781*	-	\$21,220	-	\$185,001
R/W	-	-	-	-	-
CON	\$992,421*	-	\$128,579	-	\$1,121,000
Total	\$1,156,202	-	\$149,799	-	\$1,306,000

Additional Financial Information

☐ Check Box if Requesting Toll Credits for CMAQ Local Match Requirements

*Willing to accept TDA Article 3 funds in lieu of CMAQ funds

7. Project Schedule:

SCHEDULE (month/year)			
	Funds Obligated	Start Date	Completion Date
Preliminary Engineering	02/2018	02/2018	01/2019
Environmental	02/2018	03/2018	01/2019
Right-of-Way	-	-	-
Construction	03/2019	06/2019	08/2019

Note: Assuming funds are programmed 01/2018.

Project Screening Information

8. Project Readiness: Briefly describe (no more than 100 words) the project work plan and timeline:

The combined CMAQ/TDA funds will be used for all phases of the project. No right-of-way issues have been identified at this time. There are no environmental impacts expected that will delay the execution of this project. The project will start once funds are programmed into FTIP and final design is expected to be completed early 2019, followed by construction in summer of 2019 once authorization to proceed with construction has been received. Project is expected to be completed within two years of funds being programmed for this cycle of CMAQ/TDA funds.

Check boxes for all items that have already been completed:

Preliminary Design

- ☐ Project Feasibility Study Completed
- ☒ Right-of-way needs and utility conflicts identified (underground utilities within project limits will be verified)
- ☐ Vehicle specifications identified
- ☒ Planning Level Cost Estimates

30% Design

- ☐ Dimensioned drawings showing existing and proposed improvements, topography, utilities and row etc..
- ☐ Revised Cost Estimates and Schedule

**Environmental Clearance**

- ☐ CE or Checklist Complete
- ☐ Draft Environmental Document Completed
- ☐ Final Environmental Document Completed

Final Construction Plans, Specifications, and Estimates or Vehicle Specifications

- ☐ Construction Plans, Specifications Completed
- ☐ Final Vehicle Specifications and Bid Packet Completed
- ☐ Ready to Advertise
- ☒ No Right of way needed or Right-of-Way Acquired
- ☒ No need to relocate utilities or Utilities Relocated

NA Number of Community Meetings Held (not including meetings to adopt community-wide master plans)

9. Safety and Security: Will the project improve safety and security at existing facilities or improve safety by building new facilities? Please list the specific improvements proposed and how they will improve safety.

Presently, there are no existing bicycle facilities on Rice Road and the bikeway network is disconnected. This project will provide for a well-connected, multimodal network characterized by continuous bicycle infrastructure by tying into the recently constructed Lomita Avenue Bike Lanes (Exhibit 2). The construction of this bike lane will also provide connectivity to the existing Ojai Valley Trail and two regional routes as identified in the 2017 Bicycle Wayfinding Plan: Route #9 from Santa Barbara to Ojai and Route #7 from Ojai to Ventura and Santa Paula.

Rice Road serves an average 2,100 vehicles per day and has an 85th percentile speed of 37 miles per hour.

A field investigation conducted during a weekday morning period resulted in a count of 13 bicyclists within the project limits. Exhibit 3 illustrates existing conditions with bicyclists using the travel way in absence of dedicated bicycle facilities.

The proposed project will provide facilities that are safe and comfortable to use by providing a dedicated space for bicyclists and thereby reducing conflicts between motorized and non-motorized modes of travel. Pavement widening will improve the overall safety of the roadway for both vehicles and bicyclists. Studies show that more people are inclined to use bicycle for both commuting and recreational purposes if a facility is provided, thus increasing the number of trips made by bicycling. Studies have also identified that well-connected bicycle lanes seem to have an immediate effect of lowering risk to bicyclists.

There are six schools present in the project vicinity. The proposed facility would provide a safe and comfortable route to school for students wishing to bike to school. This non-motorized transportation infrastructure would provide additional safety and comfort on this roadway for users that intend to continue a multi-modal trip to other areas of Ventura County, Santa Barbara County, and Los Angeles County by using nearby Ojai Valley Trail and transit services such as the Ojai Trolley and Gold Coast Transit District (GCTD).

10. Air Quality Improvement: Briefly describe how the project will improve air quality.



This transportation control measure is projected to reduce average annual auto vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by 3,704 miles and reduce greenhouse gas emission by 22 metric tons of CO₂e through trips shifted during bicycling. As the area becomes more inviting to bicyclists, increasing numbers of work, school, shopping, and recreational trips will be made on bicycle. Cumulatively, this pattern may reduce traffic in some areas and improve air quality.

- For bicycle and/or pedestrian projects please provide estimated new average daily trips.
 - As discussed on Pages 98 to 103 in the 2007 Ventura Countywide Bicycle Master Plan (BMP), in Ventura County, 1.3% trips are made by commuter and utilitarian bicyclists. It is estimated that implementing new bikeways will result in an increase of future daily bicycle mode share from 1.3% to 7%. Based on 2015 census data and the BMP, this project has a potential to benefit 91 existing commuters and up to 489 future commuter and utilitarian bicycle users.
- For bicycle and/or pedestrian projects please provide average daily traffic volumes on adjacent or nearest parallel roadway.
 - Rice Road ADT (2016): 2,100
 - Lomita Avenue ADT (2016): 4,100
 - SR 150/Baldwin Road ADT (2015): 8,000
 - SR 33/ N Ventura Avenue (2015): 11,200
- For transit, bicycle and/or pedestrian projects provide estimated annual VMT reduced.
 - The average annual auto VMT reduced is 3,704
 - Greenhouse gas emissions reduced by 22.2 MT of CO₂e (Calculated using the California Air Resources Board: GHG Emission Reduction Calculator Tool)
- Average projected ridership.
 - Not applicable
- Will the project improve the level of service of a transit system?
 - Not applicable
- For transit vehicle purchases, please provide vehicle type, fuel type.
 - Not applicable

11. Project's Potential to Increase Transit System Capacity and/or Ridership, Attract Active Transportation Users, Reduce Motor Vehicle Trips and Serve Destinations: Describe the project's direct relationship to streets, bicycle facilities, pedestrian facilities, transit systems, employment centers, and activity centers.

The proposed project has the potential to directly benefit more than 6,000 persons in the unincorporated areas Mira Monte, Meiners Oaks, and Oak View and those residing in the immediate area that use this route to access the Ojai Valley and northerly end of Ventura Avenue. For those residents that commute to work or school in Ventura, Oak View, and Ojai, this project will make the route safer and more comfortable for users.

As mentioned earlier, based on 2015 census data and the BMP, this project has a potential to benefit 91 existing commuters and 489 future commuter and utilitarian bicycle users thereby reducing vehicular trips.

This project could benefit multi-modal travel combining driving or bicycling with other modes of travel such as transit, carpool, or vanpool. Both Ojai Trolley and GCTD (Route 16) serve the area directly with multiple transit stops along Rice Road and more stops within a 2-mile radius of the project limits.



Furthermore, this improvement would provide accessibility to the Ojai Valley Trail that parallels Highway 33 and Ventura River and the popular 50-mile loop via Ventura Avenue or the Ojai Valley Trail, Santa Ana Road, State Route 150 to Bates Road, and then south on US 101 and the Pacific Coast Highway (State Route 1). Local residents, commuters and recreational riders will have a nearly 10-mile continuous bikeway from Rice Road to the City of Ventura via the Ojai Valley Trail. The new bikeway would also make the commercial downtown areas of Meiners Oaks on El Roblar Drive more accessible. The number of trips via bicycle in the project area would increase due to the many destinations available within a two-mile radius of the project limits as shown in Exhibit 4.

12. Network Connectivity and Local or Regional Significance: Does the project serve more than one mode of transportation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain how:

Rice Road bike lanes will provide connectivity to two routes in the Wayfinding Study and will close a missing gap. The presence of new bikeways will encourage residents to use existing transit facilities as an additional mode of transportation, attracting active transportation users. With proposed improvements, users will have multiple modes of travel available to use: vehicular, bicycle, and transit.

13. Local or Regional Significance: Is the project consistent with the local, regional or statewide plans, the District Air Quality Management Plan, or the Short Range Transit Plan? ☒ Yes ☐ No

14. Local or Regional Significance: Is the Project identified in an adopted Local or Regional Transportation Plan (Short Range Transit Plan, Bicycle, Pedestrian, Active Transportation, Strategic Plan, CMP, ITS plan, Signal Plan, SRTS Plan, Corridor Plan) or Capital Improvement Plan? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide the name(s) of the document(s):

- 2007 Bicycle Master Plan
- 2013 Transportation Department Strategic Master Plan
- 2017 Bicycle Wayfinding Plan
- 2017 Capital Improvement Plan

15. Bicycle Wayfinding Study: Is the Project Identified as a missing gap in the Bicycle Wayfinding Study? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide the route number from the Study <https://www.goventura.org/vctc-bicycle-wayfinding-plan>:

Route #9 Santa Barbara to Ojai and #7 Ojai Loop (Ventura/Santa Paula/Ojai).

16. Local or Regional Significance: Briefly describe the public participation process (e.g. public meetings, public notices, project website, mailings, newspaper articles, etc...). How did the agency consider comments and responses from meetings when designing the project?

For this project, PWATD received support letter for the project from Oak Grove Private School, the Ojai Unified School District, the Ojai Valley Green Coalition, and the Channel Islands Bicycle Club. The letters of support can be found in Exhibit 5 for your reference. The Supervisor for District #1 also supports these improvement efforts.



Further public support has also been expressed through the approval of the Bicycle Master Plan in October 2007 by the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors (BOS) and Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC). Additional support is through BOS approval of the latest revision to the 2013 Transportation Department SMP, which ranked this project as the number 1 project when compared to other bike lane projects. The city of Ojai also supports efforts to construct pedestrian and bicycle improvements in the Ojai Valley as implied from their adoption of the 2011 City of Ojai Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

17. Transit Project Necessity: For Transit Projects, describe the Project's necessity in relation to the Continued Operation of the Existing Transit System with Reliable Equipment.

Not Applicable.



CEO CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the applications included in this submittal package represent this agency's complete proposal for projects recommended for funding at this time. Should the projects be approved for funding by the Ventura County Transportation Commission, this agency will commit the local match as specified in the applications, and will make a priority of meeting the stated project delivery deadlines.

This agency is willing and able to maintain and operate the projects contained in the applications, and hereby assures that it will do so, with the proviso that the agency is permitted to transfer this responsibility to another qualified agency that is willing to do so.


Signature

David Fleisch

Printed Name

August 17, 2017

Date

Director, Transportation Department

Title*

Public Works Agency Transportation Department

Agency

*Must be signed by City Manager, County Executive Officer, County Transportation Agency Director, or other organizational CEO.

LIST OF EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT 1: VICINITY MAP

EXHIBIT 2: LOCATION MAP

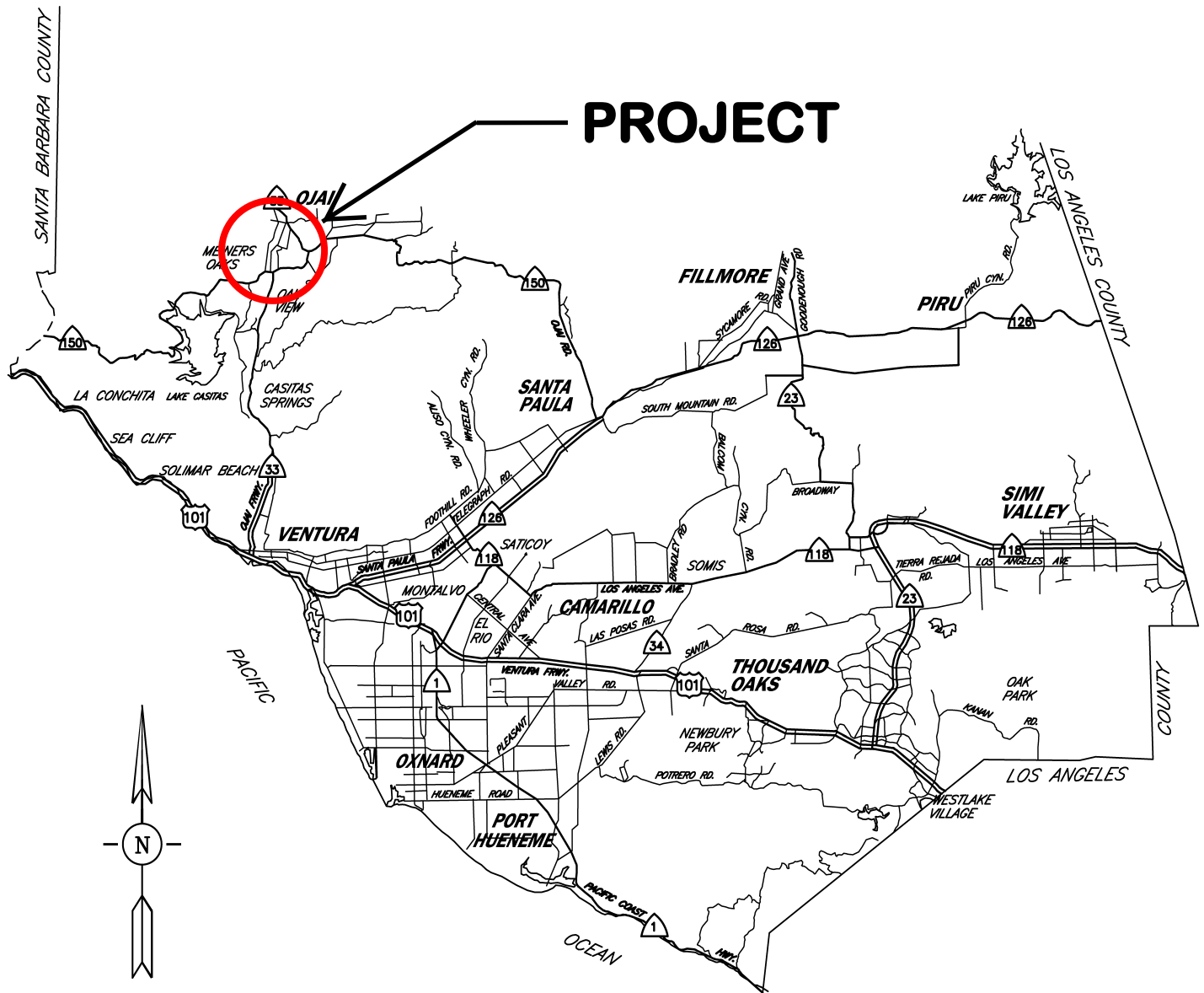
EXHIBIT 3: PHOTOS

EXHIBIT 4: DESTINATION MAP

EXHIBIT 5: LETTERS OF SUPPORT

EXHIBIT 1

VICINITY MAP



VICINITY MAP

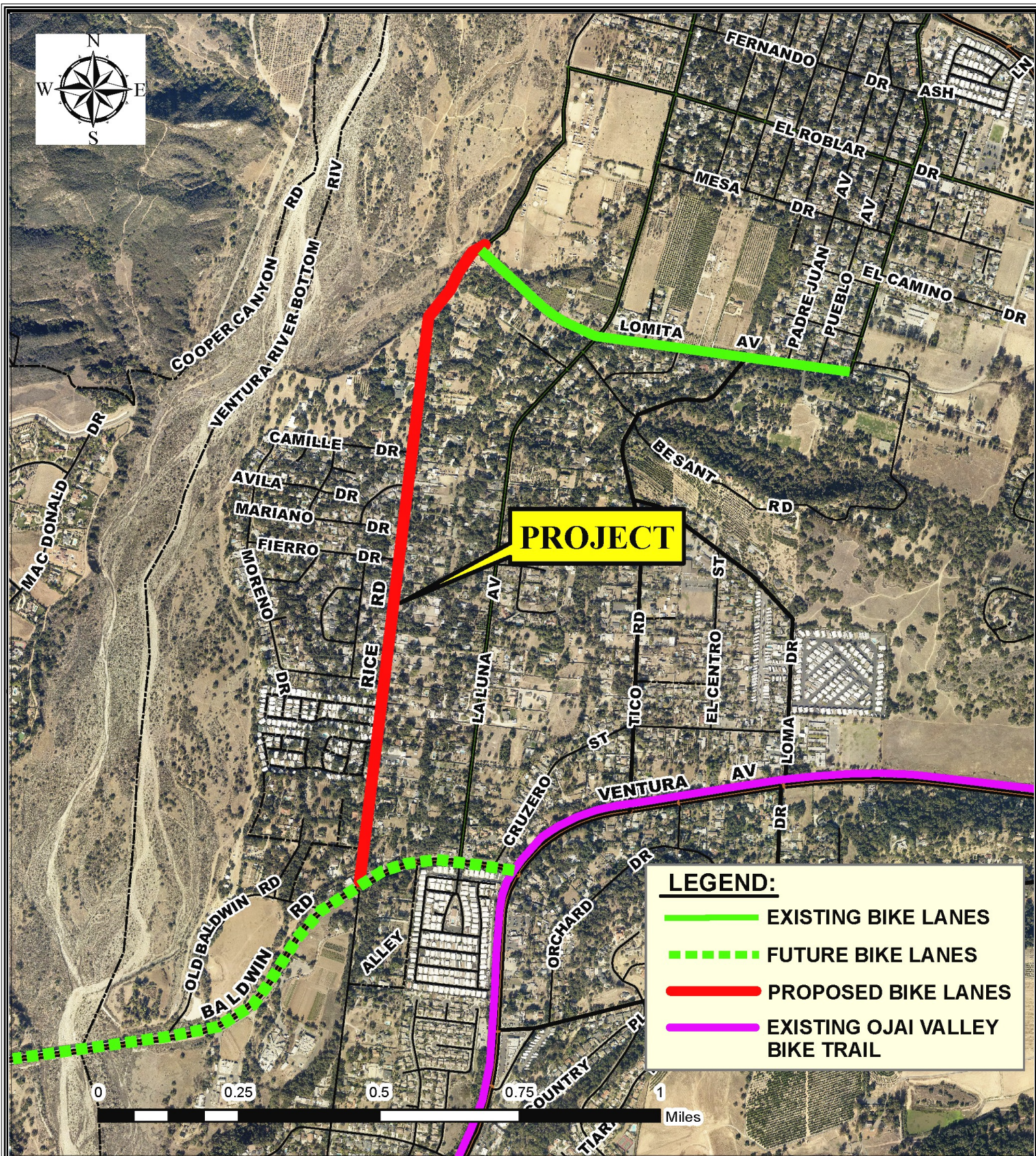
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**COUNTY OF VENTURA
PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
COMBINED CMAQ AND TDA APPLICATION - 2017
RICE ROAD BIKE LANES
FROM SR 150 TO LOMITA AVENUE
VICINITY MAP**

EXHIBIT 1

EXHIBIT 2

LOCATION MAP



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RICE ROAD BIKE LANES
FROM SR 150 TO LOMITA AVENUE
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EXHIBIT 3

PHOTOS



RICE ROAD - TRAVELING NORTH



RICE ROAD - TRAVELING SOUTH

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RICE ROAD BIKE LANES
FROM SR 150 TO LOMITA AVENUE
PHOTOS - PROPOSED CONDITIONS



RICE ROAD - TRAVELING NORTH

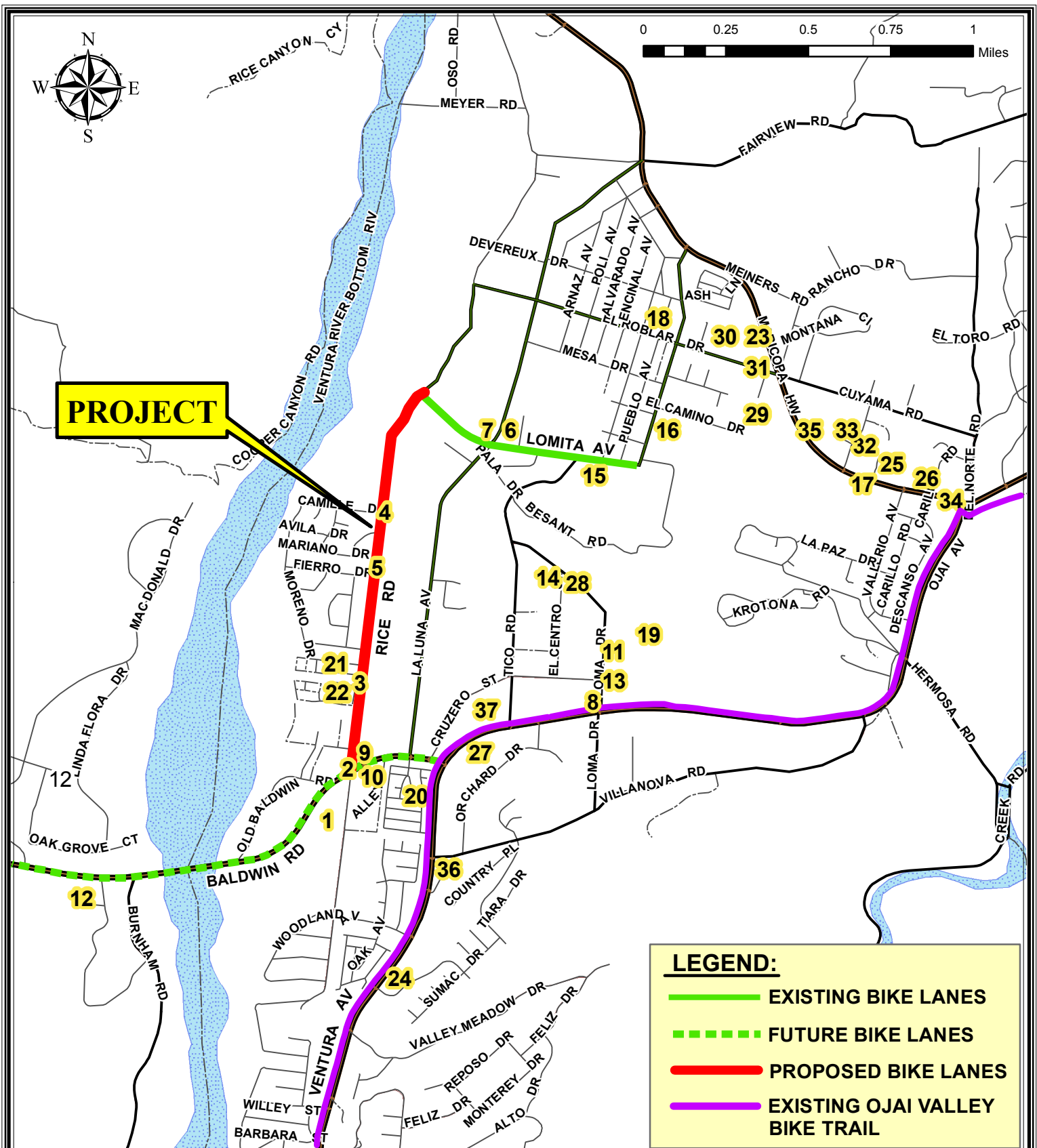


RICE ROAD - TRAVELING SOUTH

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RICE ROAD BIKE LANES
FROM SR 150 TO LOMITA AVENUE
PHOTOS - EXISTING CONDITIONS

EXHIBIT 4

DESTINATION MAP



**COUNTY OF VENTURA
PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**
COMBINED CMAQ AND TDA APPLICATION - 2017
RICE ROAD BIKE LANES
BALDWIN ROAD (SR 150) TO S. LOMITA AVENUE
DESTINATION MAP

**EXHIBIT 4
1 OF 2**

LEGEND:

- 1 OJAI TROLLEY - RICE ROAD & HELP OF OJAI SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM
- 2 OJAI TROLLEY - RICE ROAD & HWY 150 NW CORNER
- 3 OJAI TROLLEY - RICE ROAD & EL SERENO ESTATES
- 4 OJAI TROLLEY - RICE ROAD & CAMILLE DRIVE
- 5 OJAI TROLLEY - RICE ROAD & FIERRO DRIVE
- 6 OJAI TROLLEY - LA LUNA & FIRE STATION 22
- 7 OJAI TROLLEY - LOMITA AVENUE @ LA LUNA AVENUE
- 8 GCT - HWY 33 & LOMA AVENUE
- 9 GCT - HWY 33 & HWY 150 AVENUE SB (RT 16)
- 10 GCT - HWY 33 & HWY 150 AVENUE NB (RT 16)
- 11 OJAI TROLLEY - LOMA AVENUE @ VALLE MOBILE HOME PARK
- 12 MONTESSORY SCHOOL OF OJAI
- 13 MIRA MONTE ELEMENTARI SCHOOL
- 14 VALLEY OAK CHARTER SCHOOL
- 15 OAK GROVE SCHOOL
- 16 MEINERS OAK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 17 NORDHOFF HIGH SCHOOL
- 18 MEINERS OAKS LIBRARY
- 19 MIRA MONTE MOBILE HOME 55+ COMMUNITY
- 20 OJAI VILLA MOBILE ESTATES
- 21 EL SERENO HOUSING
- 22 GOLDEN OAKS ESTATES
- 23 ROTH APARTMENTS
- 24 OJAI MIRA MONTE APARTMENTS
- 25 OJAI VALLEY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
- 26 OJAI VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
- 27 OJAI VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
- 28 OJAI VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH
- 29 ST THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH
- 30 CHURCH OF LIVING CHRIST
- 31 OJAI VALLEY SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
- 32 FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
- 33 OJAI VALLEY FOURSQUARE CHURCH
- 34 MARICOPA BUILDING (RENTAL SERVICES) PLAZA
- 35 OJAI MEADOWS PRESERVE
- 36 RED HORSE PLAZA
- 37 OJAI VALLEY BIKE TRAIL

EXHIBIT 5

PUBLIC SUPPORT



Channel Islands Bicycle Club
P.O. Box 6481
Oxnard, California 93031

July 20, 2017

Mr. David Fleisch, Director
County of Ventura PWA Transportation Department
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California 93009

Dear Director Fleisch,

We are writing in support of the grant application by the Ventura County Public Works Transportation Department to the 2017 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) and Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds to construct Class II bike lanes on Rice Road from SR 150 to Lomita Avenue

Rice Road is heavily used for cyclists commuting to and from work. Additionally, this route is an important connection for local residents to shopping and appointments. Unfortunately, the road was not constructed with bicycle use in mind and it is a barrier to cycling for many.

Bicycle lanes would enhance the safety for both bicyclists and motorists.

Channel Islands Bicycle Club, CIBC, represents over 300 bicyclists who regularly utilize bicycles for commuting, daily errands, recreation, and exercise. We are very interested in working with the County to improve our local environment and facilities for bicyclists. If you wish our involvement on any project, please contact Kate Faulkner, CIBike Government Liaison, at 648-1426 or treasurercibike@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edwin Velarde", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Edwin Velarde
President

7 August, 2017
Annika Forester
1270 Fierro Dr.
Ojai, CA 93023

Dear Supervisor Bennett,

I am a resident of the Oaks West tract, and neighborhood Lead of the Oaks West/Rice Road Nextdoor group. I am writing to express my support of the Bike Lane Construction Project on South Rice Road. Our neighborhood encompasses 324 residences along Rice Road between Alviria Dr. and Camille Dr, and the other two neighborhoods just south of us, the El Sereno and Golden Oaks mobile parks include more than 200 residences. While our neighborhood has been growing younger with more and more young children appearing, the senior parks are aging. We need an adequate bike lane to connect us with the rest of the Ojai Valley. Children in our neighborhood attend schools all over the valley, yet we are cut off from the safer areas for bike riding, such as the Ojai Valley Trail, or the bike lanes that have been developed over the last few years.

Rice Road is treacherously dangerous in places, with no shoulder with extensive segments where pavement ends abruptly (in one place with a nearly 12" drop). My 13 year old daughter was recently riding her bike here when a car came so close to her she veered off the pavement and suffered a minor, but no less traumatic pile up in the rough gravel and rocks as she lost control of her bike. While our family is committed to cycling around the Ojai Valley as much as we can for the sake of health and environmental quality, how many others don't ride here for fear of a similar experience?

In addition to the abrupt drop-offs from pavement to very uneven and rocky shoulders, there is an extremely narrow bottleneck just south of Lomita where pedestrians and cyclists have no other alternative to sharing the roadway, just in the area of a blind curve where many accelerate out of the stop sign. And in the one stretch where there is a paved shoulder, condition of the buckling and potholed pavement makes cycling on it very difficult, and in fact, dangerous.

The Ojai Valley should be an unbelievably bikeable place, given its relatively gentle slopes and minor elevation gain where the majority of people live. I am a graduate of UC Davis, and I lived in that town for many years, cycling to 90% of the places I needed to go in town. I dream of a time when more people in Ojai will bike to the many nearby locations they drive to: school, shopping, recreation and work. Thank you again for your support of this grant,

Annika Forester



Oaks West/Rice Road Nextdoor Community Lead

Oak Grove School

~~awakening intelligence~~

January 27, 2011

Mr. Dave Fleisch
Transportation Department
Ventura County Public Works Agency
800. S. Victoria Ave.
Ventura, CA 93009

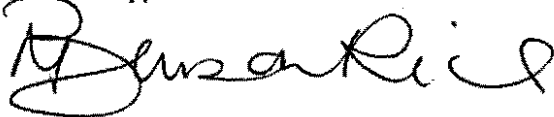
Dear Mr. Dave Fleisch,

As the Head of Oak Grove School, located at 220 West Lomita Avenue in Ojai, I highly encourage the construction of a Rice Road bike lane from Baldwin Road to Lomita Avenue. Many of our students must walk or ride their bikes along this route on their way to and from school.

We encourage our students and staff to ride and walk to school to promote physical fitness as well as to do our part to improve local air quality. Although air quality and physical fitness are important, safety is our number one priority. It is for this reason that I enthusiastically support this project.

Please feel free to contact me directly to answer any questions at 646-8236 ext.105.

Sincerely,



Meredy Benson Rice
Head of School

Received

JAN 31 2011

PWA - Transportation Dept.



February 11, 2011

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Mr. Dave Fleisch
Transportation Department
Ventura County Public Works Agency
800. S. Victoria Ave.
Ventura, CA 93009-1620

Dear Mr. Fleisch:

The Ojai Valley Green Coalition (OVGC) is pleased to write this letter in support of the Rice Road Bike Lane project in the Ojai Valley.

The Meiners Oaks community in the Ojai Valley has few sidewalks, limited crosswalks and no bike lanes. During peak morning and afternoon hours, traffic on the main streets of Meiners Oaks and the rest of the Ojai Valley and the two-lane highway in and out of our small valley has become wall-to-wall cars.

Relatively few students are able to walk or bicycle on a regular basis due to safety concerns, in spite of the Safe Routes to School program. Without adequate sidewalks and bike lanes, more and more parents drive their children to school, even when they only live a few blocks away. Practical alternatives are desperately needed.

With over 800 individual and organizational members, the OVGC strongly supports funding of the Rice Road Bike Lane project to facilitate a bike route accommodating the two main schools in Meiners Oaks, Oak Grove School and Meiners Oaks Elementary School.

Projects that make communities bicycle and pedestrian friendly are cost-effective investments that make bicycling and walking safer, more convenient and more appealing. They boost our economy, help individuals and government agencies save money, and directly address key societal challenges from obesity to road congestion. They benefit individuals, communities, our nation, and the planet.

Our goal is that these projects are part of a comprehensive valley-wide network of safe walking and biking paths to make the Ojai Valley a model bicycle-friendly community. This project is critical to making that vision a reality.

The Ojai Valley Green Coalition urges favorable consideration of grant funding for the Rice Road Bike Lane project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Deborah Pendrey
Executive Director

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OjaiValleyGreenCoalition.org



Ojai Unified School District

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March 2, 2011

Mr. Dave Fleisch
Transportation Department
Ventura County Public Works Agency
800. S. Victoria Ave.
Ventura, CA 93009

Dear Mr. Fleisch:

I am writing this letter in support for the Rice Road Bikeway Project in Meiners Oaks. We support the County's effort to construct bikeways in the unincorporated area of Meiners Oaks. Improving biking access to our schools is a very high priority for our District. At this point in time, Meiners Oaks School is our District's inaccessible elementary school for bikers.

Meiners Oaks Elementary School houses 400 students in grades kindergarten through sixth. In addition to serving as the only public school in Meiners Oaks, it also serves as the only community playground for all of the children in the area. Thus, the facility is used seven days a week from morning until dusk.

The school sits on a busy street that feeds into the main thoroughfare of Meiners Oaks as well as many smaller neighborhoods surrounding the school. There are no sidewalks in front of the school or on any of the surrounding neighborhood streets. There is a faded crosswalk with no stop sign across from the school. It is particularly dangerous to ride bicycles around the school due to the absence of bicycle lanes and the narrow streets in the area. There are no stop signs or other traffic-calming tools on the street. Cars frequently drive by the school at excessive speeds.

Helping our students bike to school will promote fitness, reduce traffic congestion around the school, and serve as a model for other schools.

Please help us achieve this vision.

Sincerely,

Rikki Horne
Board of Education President

Administration

Henry Bangser, Ph.D., Superintendent
Dannielle Pusatere, Assistant Superintendent, Business and Administrative Services

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