

June 10, 2020

Mr. Dirk Goering, AICP
Senior Transportation Planner
Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Re: RTC Agenda Item 6-A, Kings Canyon Road and Trailhead Project, Review of 70% Design Plan.

Chairman and members of the RTC:

On behalf of the Muscle Powered Board of Directors, please accept this letter supporting the 70% design plan for the Kings Canyon Road and Trailhead Project. We welcome the proposed road reconfiguration: a dedicated trailhead parking area containing a restroom; drainage improvements; ancillary walkways; equestrian safety improvements; and signage – all which are needed to improve the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, equestrians, and vehicular movements at the Kings Canyon Waterfall Trailhead. Our City residents and visitors have discovered this unique site that provides easy access to recreational use of the Waterfall Road, the Waterfall Trail, Kings Canyon Road and Muscle Powered's Ash-to-Kings Trail, which received the 2015 American Trails National Award and is located 1.8 miles further up Kings Canyon Road.

The Waterfall Site at the terminus of the paved section of Kings Canyon Road is very important for access and staging of some of the most amazing trails in our region. The present facilities and road configuration cannot serve its users without numerous conflict and safety concerns that also negatively affect local residents. We believe that these conflicts can be mitigated through the construction of the comprehensive and well-designed improvements enumerated in the 70% plan.

In the near future, other proposed trails, such as the Lincoln Bypass, an off-road, non-motorized multipurpose trail that will run parallel to Kings Canyon Road and serve as a connector to the Tahoe Rim Trail via the Capitol-to-Capitol Trail (Sacramento to Carson City), will also benefit from the staging opportunity offered by these improvements. The facilities are designed to enhance the safe network of non-vehicular infrastructure necessary to advance the City's and Muscle Powered's mutual goal of a well-connected community. Similarly, these improvements will serve as the basis for future access and use of Kings Canyon Road, which is also known for serving as segments of the Historic Lincoln Highway, under a future project being considered by the Carson Ranger District and the Parks Recreation and Open Space Department.

As a nonprofit organization charged with the mission to advocate for bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure, Muscle Powered fully supports the Public Works Department's efforts to collaborate with the Parks and Open Space Department to build and maintain infrastructure systems that accommodate and encourage eco-friendly, alternative forms of transportation for all its residents. The improvements as planned will benefit the Community by enhancing our residents' and visitors' user experience and

safety, and also will alleviate the present chaos and conflicts in the neighborhood for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chelsea Kincheloe'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial 'C' and 'K'.

Chelsea Kincheloe, President
Muscle Powered

cc: Muscle Powered Board of Directors