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Subject: Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Project Proposed for Future County Bond Funding

Dear Mr. Huckelberry:

This is in response to your May 29, 2014 letter regarding "Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Project Proposed for Future County Bond Funding" and the Living Streets Alliance (LSA) proposal.

After hearing feedback from the County and the City's Bond Project Advisory Committee, LSA has indicated to City staff a willingness to re-package their proposal. Their revised proposal will be a hybrid approach starting with signature projects that will initiate the program for all jurisdictions. These signature projects will be solicited from all jurisdictions and will vary in scale.

The City of Tucson is in the process of working with LSA to identify signature projects within the City that align with the goals and objectives outlined in the Pima Association of Governments (PAG) Regional Pedestrian Plan Update. Living Streets Alliance will be presenting their revised proposal to the City's Bond Project Advisory Committee in August prior to going before the County Bond Committee in September.

The City hopes to have future discussions with the County regarding LSA's re-packaged proposal. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Birkinbine at 837-7084.

Sincerely,

Richard Miranda
City Manager

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C.H. HUCKELBERRY
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May 29, 2014

Richard Miranda, City Manager
City of Tucson
P.O. Box 27210
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Re: **Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Project Proposed for Future County Bond Funding**

Dear Mr. Miranda:

As you are aware, the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee (BAC) has been meeting to review proposals for a future Countywide bond election. At the May 16, 2014 meeting, the BAC received a presentation from the Living Streets Alliance group (LSA), which is seeking \$25 million in County bond funding for pedestrian improvement projects throughout the region, including within incorporated cities and towns. Their proposal is attached. The LSA presentation is on our website at <http://webcms.pima.gov/common/pages/UserFile.aspx?fileid=90553>.

The BAC approved a motion directing staff to solicit input from cities and towns regarding this proposal, as well as which projects cities and towns are willing to remove from their priority lists if they support this project. In addition, the BAC's motion directed staff to specifically solicit input from the City of Tucson's Bond Committee regarding this project. My understanding is the City's Bond Committee also received a presentation on this proposal.

If you or your Bond Committee has any comments on this pedestrian safety and walkability proposal, please send them to me by June 30. Thank you for your continued participation in this bond election planning effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Huckelberry".

C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

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c: Chairman and Members, Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
Lynne Birkinbine, Coordinator, City of Tucson Bond Project Advisory Committee

Department: TBD
Date: May 02, 2014

2014 Bond Election Proposed Projects Template

Project Name: Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Improvements

Location: Pima County (all jurisdictions)

Scope: \$25 million for pedestrian safety and walkability capital improvement projects to be allocated on a need-basis in Pima County member jurisdictions. (This is a reduction of our previous \$50 million proposal. The reduction is based on extensive conversations with Pima County and other jurisdictions). Projects may include, but are not limited to: enhanced connections and crossings; continuous sidewalk networks; streetscape improvements; traffic calming; and green infrastructure. This program will focus on that pedestrian collector system that falls between the in-neighborhood pedestrian efforts of Neighborhood Reinvestment and arterial efforts of the RTA. In cooperation with these entities and the jurisdictions, it will focus on bringing pedestrians safely and comfortably to community destinations, such as schools, businesses, parks, community centers, libraries, and transit stops.

Each jurisdiction will be eligible to apply for funding by showing their commitment to developing a need-based pedestrian bond implementation plan within a larger long-term pedestrian plan that aligns with the goals and objectives outlined in the Pima Association of Governments (PAG) Regional Pedestrian Plan Update, which will be completed by Fall 2014. The projects will logically focus on the more urbanized areas of our community but with pilot projects in all jurisdictions, in all City of Tucson Wards, and in all Pima County Districts. The PAG plan will include specific indicators that measure progress toward desired outcomes in pedestrian infrastructure and safety and thus will provide a built-in evaluation for the implementation of this bond project. Living Streets Alliance will work with the County to convene a transparent oversight committee to review proposals from each jurisdiction and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors based on each proposal's demonstration of need and potential to fulfill the goals and objectives outlined in the PAG Plan.

Benefits: Walking is the most basic and equitable mode of transportation that exists; every person is a pedestrian at some point during their day. To increase the number of people walking, the distances being walked, and the diversity of trips made by foot, walking needs to be safe, comfortable and convenient. A walkable environment has the following benefits:

- Safety – a reduction in the terrible toll of injuries and deaths to pedestrians in our communities
- Transportation – reduced traffic congestion and increased efficiency/effectiveness of a multi-modal transportation system
- Health – reduced levels of obesity, heart disease, adult onset diabetes, and other illnesses resulting from sedentary lifestyle
- Equity and Diversity – increased access for people of all ages and abilities, including the 33% of the population that can not or does not drive an automobile at any given point in time
- Environment – improved air and water quality
- Climate Change – curbed urban heat island effect
- Economic Development – improved pedestrian connections to business districts to promote small scale, local economic development as well as increased “livability” which makes it nationally competitive as desirable place for major employers and venture start-ups

Costs: Currently undefined. The proposal process will necessitate that each jurisdiction quantify the monetary value of pedestrian improvements needed within their own jurisdiction.

Bond Funding: Twenty-five Million Dollars

Other Funding: Jurisdictions applying for funding will be required to provide a 2% match that will be designated toward implementing pedestrian education and awareness activities (which will be defined in their application). These activities would be designed to encourage Pima County residents to walk and utilize pedestrian capital improvement, and also educate pedestrians and drivers on pedestrian safety. Additionally, jurisdictions may leverage these funds to secure additional match funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program and other federal funding opportunities.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: Start FY2016; End when all funding has been expended

Project Management Jurisdiction: Pima County Project Management Department will provide overall control of the project design, management, and construction procurement in cooperation (MOU's) with each jurisdiction. Living Streets Alliance will provide overall project guidance and planning in a similar manner to the current efforts of Neighborhood Reinvestment.

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs: Each jurisdiction will assume responsibility for future Operation and Maintenance costs of improvements made within their jurisdiction and will be required to provide documentation of their existing O&M policies.

Regional Benefits: Benefits outlined above as they relate to pedestrian safety, the economy, public health and the environment are all on a regional level. Each trip made by Pima County residents begin and end with walking. Additionally, a truly multi-modal transportation network (which benefits and is used by the entire region) necessitates walking as a mode of transportation. A robust multi-modal transportation network alleviates traffic congestion for drivers and provides affordable alternative transportation options for non-drivers.

Supervisor District of Project Location: All
