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Chairman and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Pima County Administrator's Office
130 W Congress Street
Tucson AZ 85701

Subject: Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal

Chairman and Members:

The Primavera Foundation strongly supports the Living Streets Alliance request to include \$25,000,000 in bond funds for pedestrian capital improvements in the region.

The Primavera Foundation provides pathways out of poverty through safe, affordable housing, workforce development and neighborhood revitalization. Every year Primavera works with approximately 7,500 participants who are low-income, very low-income and/or homeless. Most of our participants rely on public transportation, bicycles and walking to get themselves around the city to jobs, school, doctor appointments, to see family and friends, etc. Although our region has made many improvements in the area of alternative modes of transportation, many of our neighborhoods and roads are designed to put vehicle traffic first. Primavera believes that the requested \$25,000,000 in bond funds will go a long way in protecting our current citizen pedestrians and encouraging others to get out and walk for their health and the environment.

We also support the Living Streets Alliance's proposal to strengthen and support already existing programs and initiatives in the region that work to integrate pedestrian improvements, like Pima County's Neighborhood Reinvestment Program.

If you have any questions about our support for this bond funding, please contact me at pchurchison@primavera.org or 520/882-5383. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peggy Hutchison
Chief Executive Officer

CC: Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator