

April 4, 2016

Jay T. Spurgin
Public Works Director

Ms. Judith Johnduff, Program Analyst
Ventura County Transportation Commission
950 County Square Dr., Ste. 207
Ventura, CA 93002

Subject: Claim for FY 2016/2017 TDA Article 3

Dear Ms. Johnduff:

The City of Thousand Oaks is requesting TDA Article 3 funds for the construction of sidewalks, bike lanes, and curb ramps on the west side of Conejo School Road, between Thousand Oaks Boulevard and Hillcrest Drive. The total TDA Article 3 request for FY 2016/2017 is \$110,000 with the balance of \$445,000 being paid by other City funds. It is estimated that total project cost will be \$555,000.

Attached are the completed claim forms for your use. The City Council Resolution will follow funding approval.

Sincerely,



Jay T. Spurgin
Public Works Director

Attachments

c: Clifford G. Finley, City Engineer
Nancy Arrieta, Associate Financial Analyst

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**VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3
PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE PROGRAM**

**FISCAL YEAR 2016/17
PROJECT APPLICATION**

I. Project Name and Funding Request

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|---------------------------------|---|
| a. Applicant Agency: | City of Thousand Oaks |
| b. Funds Requested: | \$ 110,000 |
| c. Project Title: | Conejo School Road Sidewalks, Curb Ramps and Bike Lane Project |
| d. Project Summary (100 words): | Design and construct a sidewalk and curb ramps on the west side of Conejo School Road between Thousand Oaks Boulevard (TOB) and Hillcrest Drive. The project is approximately 1/4 of a mile in length and would fill in the missing sidewalk segments on this street. Conejo Elementary School is located on the east side of Conejo School Road directly across the street from the proposed sidewalk. Following the construction of the sidewalk a bike lane will be striped on Conejo School Road. |
- e. Project Type (select one):
- ☐ Comprehensive Pedestrian/Bicycle Plan
☐ Bicycle Safety Education
☒ Capital: Pedestrian and/or Bicycle facility
☐ Capital: Bicycle facility only

III. Clear and Complete Proposal

Please complete section III.a. for all project types:

- a. Describe the project elements. For capital projects indicate location, length, scope, size or extent.

The project is the construction of curb, gutter, sidewalk and curb ramps on the west side of Conejo School Road between TOB and Hillcrest Drive - in the sections where there is no sidewalk, curb, gutters or ramps. The project is directly across from Conejo Elementary School. The 5.5 foot sidewalk is 1,300 linear feet in length (1/4 mile), although not contiguous and is in several segments. Four accessible ramps will be constructed as part of the project. In one section, a retaining wall will be constructed and several trees removed. Conejo School Road will be striped with a bike lane following completion of the sidewalks, etc.

Please complete section III.b. for Comprehensive Plan projects only:

- b. Check one: ☐ New Plan

☐ Update to existing plan

Date of previous plan:

n/a

c. Funding and Local Cash Match

Enter total project cost, totaling funds from all sources, here: \$555,000

Funds requested:	\$110,000
Local match provided:	\$445,000
Local match percentage:	404.5% $445,000/110,000 \times 100 = 404.5\%$

*To calculate local match percentage, divide Local match by Funds Requested
e.g.:*

$$\frac{\text{Local match provided}}{\text{Funds requested}} = \text{percentage match}$$

*When a local match is provided by the applicant, the local match % must be used at each dollar is spent on the project.

d. Please provide the total Class I pathway miles in your jurisdiction: 3 MILES

IV. Meets Evaluation Objectives

a. Please complete section - SAFETY

- How will the proposed project affect safety at existing facilities or improve safety by building new facilities? When describing the project conditions, include any accident statistics and describe how the project will correct or improve the situation.
- How will the project be maintained?

The sidewalks would provide safe connections to Conejo Elementary School, Colina Middle School, transit stops of both Hillcrest Drive and TOB, and connection to businesses on TOB. Students currently walk on a two-lane road with a limited dirt shoulder that is posted 25 m.p.h., has multiple driveways (30+), and has substandard curves. It is difficult to see pedestrians as vehicles travel around the turns in the road. There are also many (30+) driveways, including Conejo Elementary School, the Conejo Recreation and Park District Maintenance and Facilities Yard, the First Church of Christ, the Elk's Club, and several apartment buildings. A combination of these uses and single-family homes generate a need to protect the pedestrians from daily traffic; at the same time a new sidewalk will also "connect" these uses.

A new sidewalk and curb ramps on Conejo School Road will provide an important piece for the walking route to school. Because this is a "missing link" or "infill" sidewalk, there are already many students who use this route and the new sidewalk will make it safer and encourage new pedestrians to walk these routes. The paved sidewalk will become a pedestrian lane that provides a buffer from the travel-way. Most importantly, it will provide a safe accessible area for pedestrians with disabilities. The new sidewalk will help "elevate" the students because the sidewalk is at a minimum 6 inches above the street. This can make the difference of someone being under 5 feet to being over 5 feet, which makes

the drivers see them more easily. It also keeps them out of the intersection when approaching a cross street. The pedestrians have better sight distance to cross the street and the drivers can see them better.

City collision data indicates that there were 43 reported collisions on Conejo School Road between TOB and Hillcrest Drive in the past 10 years (January 2006 – January 2016). Of the 42 collisions, 13 were injury collisions. Ten collisions occurred during school “walking” times (7:30-8:30 a.m. and 2:30-4:30 p.m.). Two of the reported collisions involved pedestrians. Based on the data, it is not possible to provide a correlation between constructing a new sidewalk and correcting the accident patterns. It is possible to conclude that providing a path for pedestrians off of the roadway will keep them out of the way of future accidents.

The City will maintain the sidewalk as part of its annual sidewalk maintenance program. Funding for sidewalk maintenance has been budgeted in the City’s Capital Improvement Program.

b. *Please complete section – TRAFFIC GENERATORS*

- Please describe how the project connects to transit stops, train stations, schools, senior centers, work sites and other major traffic generators.
- Please describe how the project encourages multi-modal transit use.
- How will project benefit transit-dependent areas?

The construction of a new sidewalk on Conejo School Road between Thousand Oaks Blvd.-Hillcrest Drive will provide many connections. On an average day in 2015, there were 499 walkers and 80 bicycle riders on this route.

There is great potential for an increase in walking and bicycling along this corridor as it is a direct connection for students living off TOB and Hillcrest Drive that walk to Conejo Elementary School (CES). It also would become a Safe Route to School route for students walking to Colina Middle School (CMS) that live south of Los Felix Drive and south of TOB. Currently 329 students attend CES, and 1,126 students attend CMS, and with 90% living within one mile of CES, and 20% who attend CMS live in the same neighborhood. Roughly 40% of the students would use this route if the sidewalk were constructed. Additionally, residents who live north of Hillcrest Drive will use the new sidewalk to access Thousand Oaks Blvd. for shopping and services.

The project provides access to City Hall and the Civic Arts Plaza (CAP) which are located at 2100 Thousand Oaks Blvd., next to the Lakes Shopping Center, which features shopping/restaurants, two lakes, a children’s playground, pathways, and rose gardens. Directly across the street from the CAP is the Gardens of the World. The Gardens are open to the public and commemorate the various cultures of the world. TOB is a major employment and entertainment corridor. City Hall and the CAP are located 1/4-mile east of the intersection of Erbes Road and TOB, and is directly west of the intersection of Conejo School Drive and TOB. The CAP is the largest performing arts center between Los Angeles and San Francisco with two stages (1,800 seats and 394 seats); over 300,000 patrons and 50,000 children attend more than 400 performances annually. In addition to City services provided at City Hall, the City Clerk’s department houses the Ventura County Clerk Satellite office which provides passport processing and marriage licenses.

The sidewalk project will provide greater access to the two bus lines (TOT Red and Blue lines) that service the Ventura County Human Services Agency’s “Under One

Roof.” This office provides services for applying for Medi-Cal, Food stamps, and Cal-Works, in addition to a dozen nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping those in need. Bus stops for these two routes are located in front of CAP/Gardens of the World and on Hillcrest Drive/Erbes Road. Access to these bus stop are within ½-mile from all four projects.

c. *Please complete section – PROJECT READINESS*

- When will the project be implemented?
- Have past funds been spent? If not, why not? Please refer to claimant's annual TDA Article 3 audit for details.
- Can the project be partially funded or divided into phases? If yes, describe the different parts or how the project could be phased, and the cost associated with each phase:

Pedestrian and bicycle projects that provide access to schools receive the highest ranking in both the City's "Sidewalk Implementation Plan" and the "Bicycle Master Plan". This project is the only project included in both Plans. Construction for new sidewalks is dependent on available grant funding. If grant funding is awarded to this project, then design will begin in Fall 2016 and construction in Fall 2017.

Past Article 3 funds have all been spent.

Technically, the project could be divided into two phases. Phase 1 would be the section between TOB and Los Feliz Drive; Phase 2 would be the section between Los Feliz Drive and Hillcrest Drive. The cost to construct Phase 1 is estimated at \$360,000. The cost to construct Phase 2 is \$226,000. If the project were broken in to two phases, then there would be an additional cost for mobilization, separate surveys etc., resulting in an additional costs of \$31,000.

d. *Please complete section – MISSING LINK AND CONNECTIVITY*

- Describe if other agencies are involved in the project and their role.
- Does the project connect with facilities within a city, or with another area and/or regional facilities?
- Please describe if or how the project fills in a "missing link" identified in the Countywide Bicycle Plan?

The project is located on City streets within the City of Thousand Oaks. The Conejo Valley Unified School District is involved in the project and has offered "in-kind" support via the use of the school for community meetings.

The project will connect to the existing sidewalks on Conejo School Road and Los Feliz Drive and provide a connection to existing bike lanes. Conejo School Road is identified on the City's Bicycle Master Plan and extends both north of Hillcrest Drive and south of TOB. Los Feliz Drive Sidewalk project will be complete by the end of April 2016. The new sidewalk on Los Feliz Drive directly connect to this proposed sidewalk project on Conejo School Road.

The construction of the sidewalks will fill in a "missing link" by providing a path for pedestrians, and cyclists will be able to ride on the street without having to share the road with pedestrians. Sidewalks are available on the east side of Conejo School Road, but not contiguously on the west side. The major east/west streets in the vicinity of the project are Hillcrest Drive and TOB, which have sidewalks. This project is the missing link to connect to CES and the major east/west streets in the neighborhood.

e. *Please complete section – SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS*

- Please specify if a local match is being provided.
- Please describe how the project improves accessibility to the area.
- Please describe if there are special environmental advantages to the project.
- Please describe the degree of public support for the project.

A local match of \$445,000 will be provided.

The project will provide an accessible path of travel between TOB and Hillcrest Drive by constructing a sidewalk and curb ramps where there is no sidewalk or curb ramps.

The primary environmental advantage to constructing the sidewalk is to improve drainage along the west side of Conejo School Road. The project would include curbs and gutters which help to channel the rainwater runoff into the adjacent catch basins, which then help to alleviate erosion. More importantly, water on a street can create hydroplaning effects, and can impact the road and safety of travelers. A street drainage system should quickly remove stormwater from the traffic lanes. During a major storm event, street gutters and storm sewers carry the flooding water away.

A community meeting was held at CES on May 16, 2015. The meeting was organized by Ana Alvarez, the Outreach Education Director for CES. 130 parents attended the meeting, and although the focus was not only on pedestrian safety, it was discussed during the first 20 minutes of the meeting. There was overwhelming support for new sidewalk on Conejo School Road, to provide a safe path for their children to walk to school. Cyclists wrote in and expressed their support for bike lanes/sidewalk on Conejo School Road and adjacent streets.

During the development of both the Bicycle Facilities Master Plan and the Sidewalk Facility Master Plan, the public provided input via neighborhood and community meetings, Traffic/Transportation Advisory Commission meetings, and ultimately at City Council. The prioritization of the projects in the plans are a result of the meetings.

f. *Project is consistent with local or regional plans (add lines, if necessary):*

<i>Type of Plan:</i>	<i>Name of Plan, page (if applicable)</i>
i. County of City facilities plan	City of T.O. Bicycle Facilities Master Plan Page 27
ii. Circulation element of general plan	City of Thousand Oaks Land Use and Circulation Element of the General Plan (Map)
iii. <i>Ventura County Comprehensive Bicycle Plan</i>	Included in the document, on pages 5 and 6 are the Goals and Objectives. This project meets the following Goals and Objectives: Goal 1: Expand and Optimize Ventura County's Bicycle Facilities

	<p>Objective 1.1. Provide bicyclists safe and accessible routes to major destinations within the County served by public roads, trails, transit, and rail.</p> <p>Objective 1.2. Complete a comprehensive bikeway network by closing existing gaps and providing projects that improve inter-modal connections.</p> <p>Goal 2: Plan and Design for the Needs of Bicyclists</p> <p>Objective 2.2. Conform to the guidelines and standards of the County of Ventura, Ventura County Transportation Commission, and State and Federal Standards for the design and construction of bicycle facilities.</p> <p>Goal 6: Implement the Bicycle Master Plan Objective</p> <p>Objective 6.1. Develop and update a bicycle projects list in coordination with the VCTC's annual bicycle funding allocations that addresses identified gaps in the countywide network.</p> <p>Objective 6.2. Continue to identify and apply for public funding sources to finance bicycle facilities, education and safety programs.</p>
iv. Other bicycle, pedestrian, complete streets, or similar plan(s):	This project is ranked as 8th of 91 segments on the City of Thousand Oaks Sidewalk Priority Construction Program.
v.	
vi.	
VIII. Project Contact Information <i>Please complete section VIII. for all project types:</i>	
Primary Contact Name and Title:	Kathleen Lowry
Applicant agency and address:	City of Thousand Oaks 2100 Thousand Oaks Blvd. TO Oaks, CA 91362
Telephone:	805-449-2416
e-mail address:	klowry@toaks.org

GRANT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

Successful applicants will be required to submit the following forms and information:

- VCTC Article 3 Claim Form
- VCTC Article 3 Financial Reporting Form
- Standard Assurances Form for Bicycle and Pedestrian Claims
- Authorizing Resolution of Allocated Article 3 Funds for Bicycle and Pedestrian Purposes (A sample resolution is attached)

VCTC staff will contact selected applicants with a deadline date to submit these forms.

For each fiscal year of the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Program, VCTC funding requirements state that project sponsors must submit a fiscal and compliance audit within 180 days after the close of the fiscal year for each ongoing project, in accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 99245. Therefore, please ensure that your financial staff reports your Article 3 claim as part of VCTC's annual compliance audit.

VCTC TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) CLAIM FORM BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES CLAIMS ARTICLE 3 / PUC 99233.3

Fiscal Year: 2016/17

Date: March 24, 2016

Claimant: City of Thousand Oaks

Address: 2100 Thousand Oaks Blvd, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

Contact Person: Kathleen Lowry

Title: Engineer Associate

Telephone #: 805-449-2416 Fax #: 805-449-2475

E-Mail: klowry@toaks.org

REQUESTED PAYMENT:

AMOUNT

Article 3 Funds Requested

\$110,000

Claimant acknowledges that payment by the County Auditor of an allocation made by Ventura County Transportation Commission is subject to such monies being on hand and available for distribution and to the provision that such monies be used only in accordance with the terms of the allocation instruction issued by the Ventura County Transportation Commission and in accordance with applicable State regulations.

Authorizing Signature:

Print Name and Title:

Date:


Jay T. Spurgin, Public Works Director
April 1, 2016

**TDA ARTICLE 3 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES CLAIMS
FINANCIAL REPORTING FORM**

Claimant: City of Thousand Oaks Date: March 24, 2016

TDA ARTICLE 3 REVENUES & EXPENSES OF CLAIMANT

		FY 14/15 Estimated	FY 15/16 Requested
Revenues			
1	Article 3 Revenues	\$55,000	\$110,000
2	Interest	\$0	\$0
3	Refunds	\$0	\$0
4	Total	\$55,000	\$110,000
Expenditures			
5	Construction	\$55,000	\$110,000
6	Maintenance	\$0	\$0
7	Planning	\$0	\$0
Balance			
8	Excess of Revenue over expenditures (subtract Lines 5, 6 & 7 from Line 4)	\$0	\$0
Fund Balance			
9	Beginning of Year	\$55,000	\$110,000
10	End of Year	\$0	\$0

Project Name: CONEJO SCHOOL ROAD SIDEWALK AND BIKELANE PROJECT

Description: Design and construct a sidewalk on the west side of Conejo School Road between Thousand Oaks Blvd. and Hillcrest Drive. The project is approximately one quarter of a mile in length and would fill in the missing sidewalk segments on this street. Conejo Elementary School is located on the eastside of Conejo School Road directly across the street from the proposed sidewalk. Following the construction of the sidewalk a bikelane will be striped on Conejo School Road.

Project Revenue Budget:

TDA Article 3 Bike/Ped	\$ 110,000
TDA Article 8 Local Streets	\$ 0
Other (specify) _____	\$ 445,000
TOTAL	\$ 555,000

**STANDARD ASSURANCES
FOR BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN CLAIMANTS**

Claimant City of Thousand Oaks

Fiscal Year: 2014/2015

CLAIMANT ASSURANCE: (Initial below)

Initial

90-DAY ANNUAL REPORT

Claimant certifies that it has submitted a State Controller's report in conformance with the uniform system of accounts and reports, to VCTC and to the State Controller, pursuant to PUC 99245, for the prior year (project year minus two). Claimant assures that this report will be completed for the current fiscal year (project year minus one).

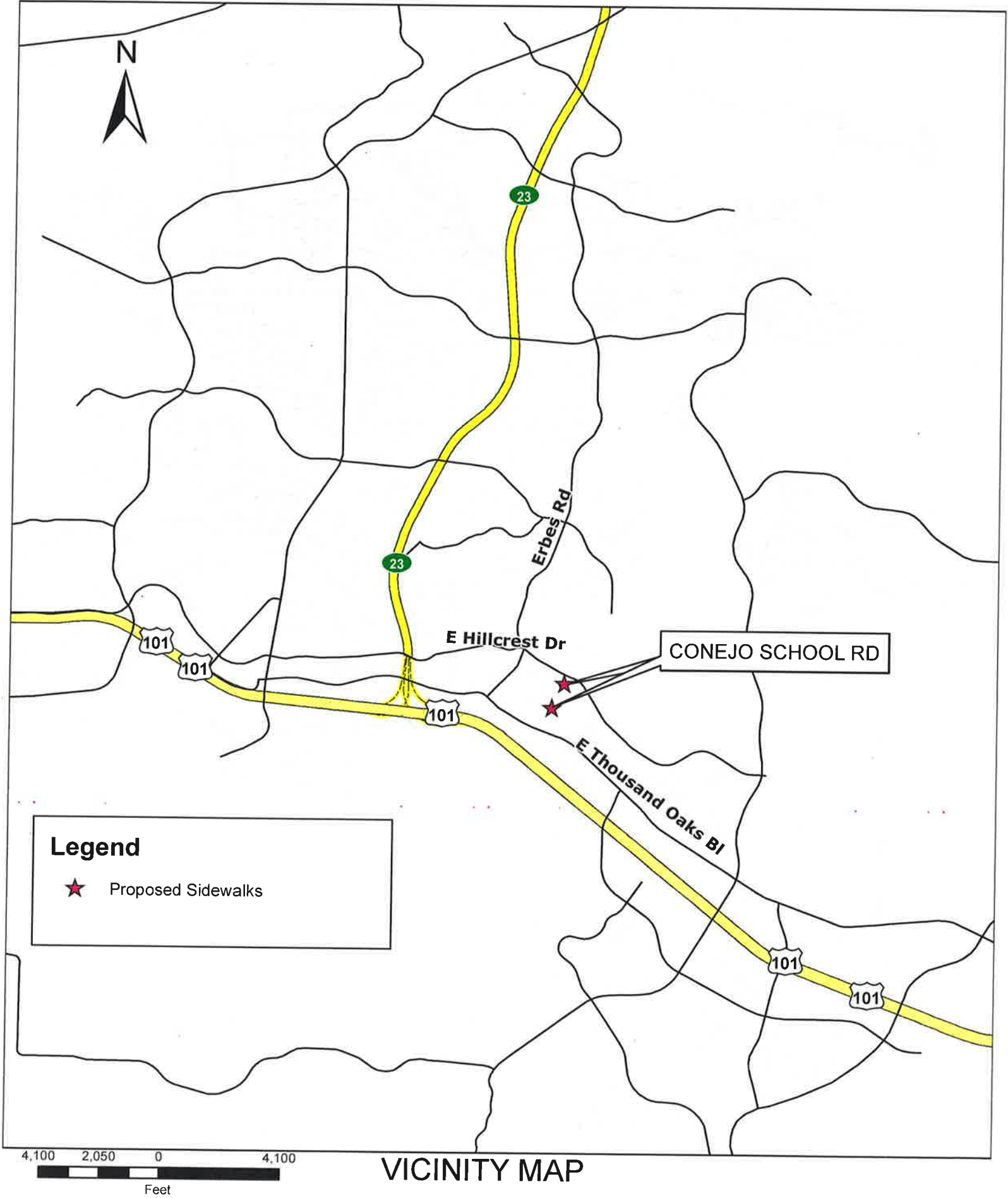
The undersigned hereby certifies that the above statement is true and correct.



(Authorizing Signature)

Jay T. Spurgin, Public Works Director **(Print Name & Title)**

CONEJO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACCESS AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS



CONEJO SCHOOL ROAD SIDEWALK

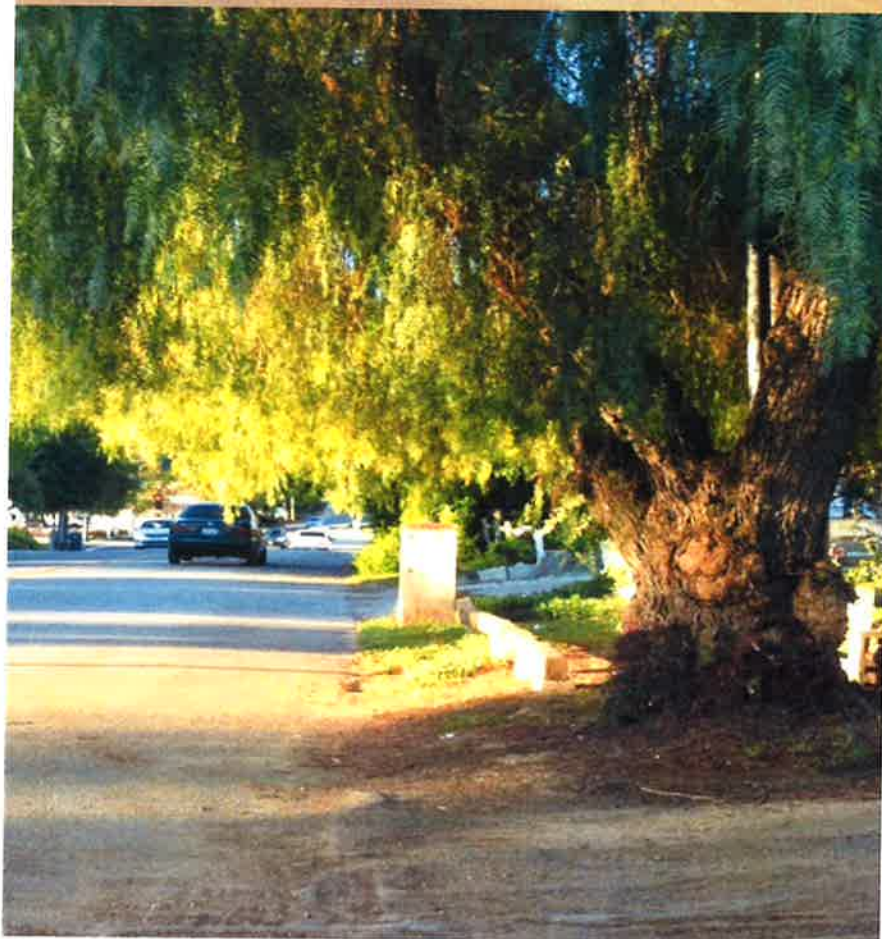
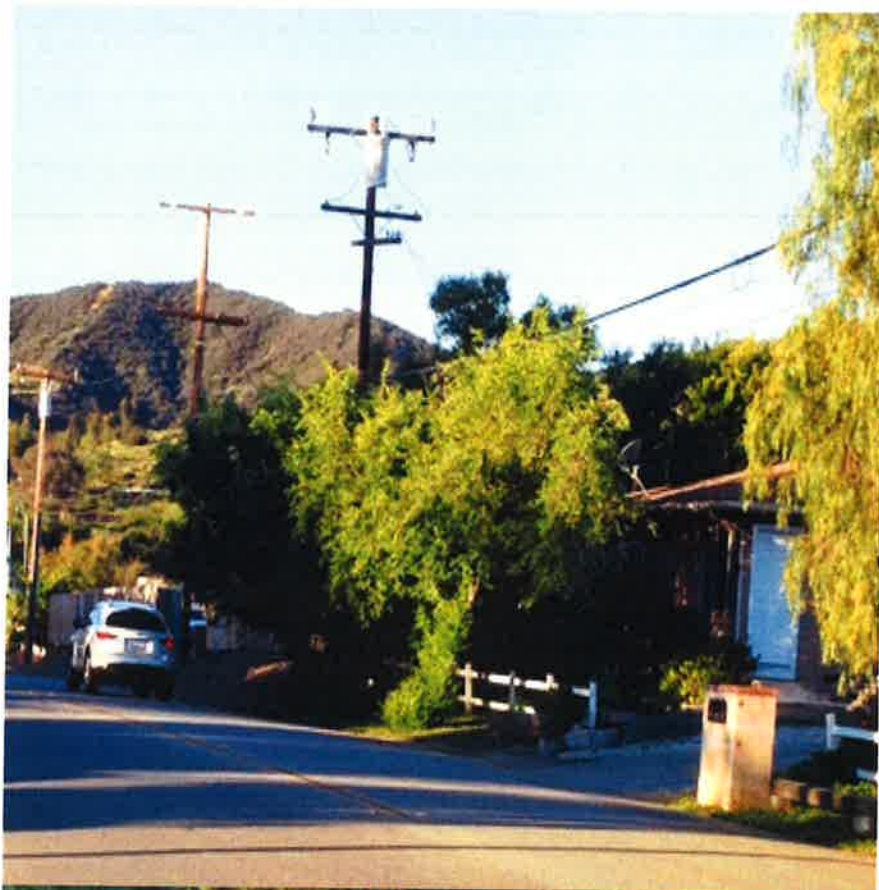


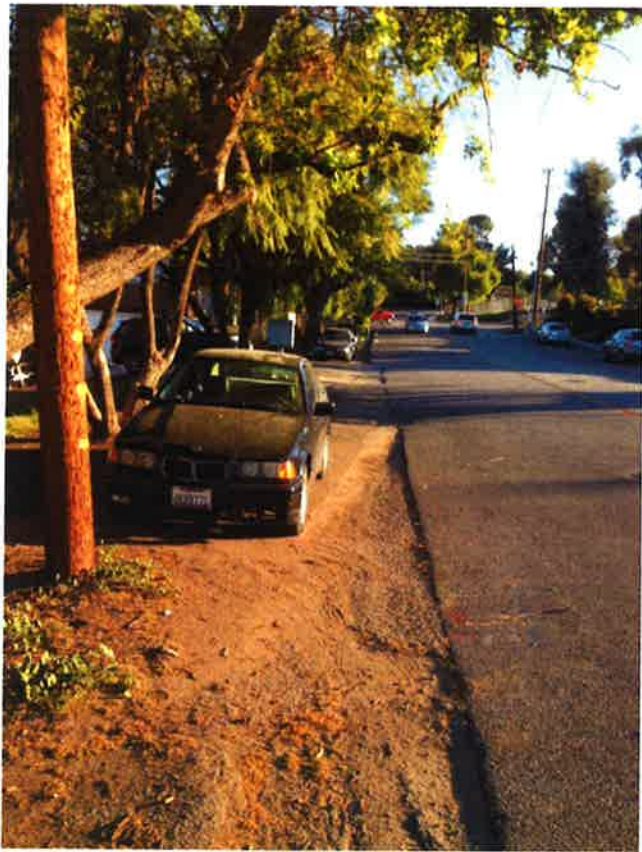
CONEJO SCHOOL ROAD – SIDEWALKS, CURB RAMPS AND BIKE LANE PROJECT



Photo's show the unimproved segments on the west side of Conejo School Road starting at Thousand Oaks Blvd.







For a short segment, on the nw corner of Conejo School Rd. and Los Feliz Dr. there is a sidewalk and horse trail.







CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, California 91362-2198
(805) 497-9511



Title 1 Academic Achievement Award School 2008

Ann N. Bonitatibus
Superintendent of Schools

Conejo Elementary
280 Conejo School Road
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
(805) 495-7058
Fax (805) 374-1158
Kari Taketa

March 30, 2016

Judith Johnduff, Program Analyst
Ventura County Transportation Commission
950 County Square Drive, Suite 207
Ventura, CA 93003

Subject: Conejo Elementary Sidewalk Improvement – TDA Article 3 Pedestrian and Bicycle Program Funds

Dear Ms. Johnduff

I am the principal of Conejo Elementary School and I urge you to consider funding the above mentioned project that the City of Thousand Oaks is proposing. This project will increase pedestrian, bicycle, and student safety to everyone in our community. A sidewalk on the west side of Conejo School Road will ensure the safety of Conejo Elementary families. Many of our families walk to school on a regular basis and the absence of a sidewalk lends to the compromised safety of these families.

Previous projects have increased the safety for our families as well as those in our community by providing sidewalks along Willow Lane and Thousand Oaks Blvd. The sidewalk on Conejo School Road is the only missing sidewalk for pedestrians, bicyclists, and Conejo students to commute safely. I am in support of this proposal as it will provide students of Conejo Elementary School a safe way to walk to school and access their community.

The students at our school face social and economic constraints and we therefore have a very high walking population compared to the other schools in Conejo Valley Unified School District. The construction of a sidewalk on Conejo School Road will greatly benefit these students and their families.

In closing, I want to give my full support to the proposed project that will construct a sidewalk on Conejo School Road.

Sincerely,

Kari Taketa

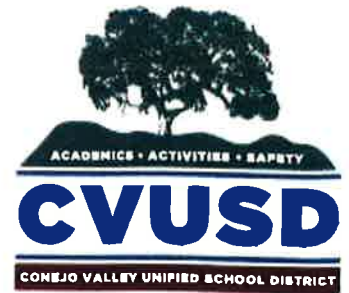
Kari Taketa
Principal
Conejo Elementary

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Pat Phelps, President
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Betsy Connolly, D.V.M., Member
Mike Dunn, Member

SUPERINTENDENT

Ann N. Bonitatibus, Ed.D.



March 31, 2016

Judith Johnduff, Program Analyst
Ventura County Transportation Commission
950 County Square Drive, Suite 207
Ventura, CA 93003

Subject: TDA Article 3 Pedestrian and Bicycle Program Funds

Dear Ms. Johnduff:

I would like to express my support for partnerships that lead to the funding of the traffic safety measures proposed by the City of Thousand Oaks on Conejo School Road. The improvements will help the children, and their families, walk to and from Conejo Elementary School and Colina Middle School on Conejo School Road by constructing a sidewalk on the west side. Over ninety percent of the middle school students that live in that area attend Colina Middle School and the majority of them walk to and from school.

Neighborhood families whose children attend Conejo Elementary School and Colina Middle School experience personal constraints. There is a very high walking population compared to other schools in the Conejo Valley Unified School District. The construction of the improvements will greatly benefit these students and their families.

The City of Thousand Oaks has worked cooperatively with our school district to analyze traffic conditions and determine their impact on student safety. They have used City and grant funds to address a host of similar projects in the past.

I give my full support for the traffic safety measures proposed by the City of Thousand Oaks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Ann N. Bonitatibus', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Ann N. Bonitatibus, Ed.D.
Superintendent

ANB:ki

March 31, 2016

Judith Johnduff, Program Analyst
Ventura county Transportation commission
950 County Square Drive, Suite 207
Ventura, CA 93003

Subject: Conejo School Road Sidewalk Improvements – TDA Article 3 Pedestrian and Bicycle Program Funds

Dear Ms. Johnduff,

I am a member of the City of Thousand Oaks Bicycle Advisory Team (BAT) and am an active cyclist in the Conejo Valley. Members of the BAT include the City's TTAC, local bicycle clubs (Amgen Bike Club, Conejo Valley Cyclist, Old Kranks, etc.), Thousand Oaks Police Department, the City Public Works Department, the City's Park District and Open Space Agency. The BAT meets quarterly to discuss how to improve bicycling in the City of Thousand Oaks.

One of the best ways to improve cycling is to construct sidewalks. This allows the pedestrians to walk off the pavement and provides a place for cyclists to ride.

I would like you to consider funding the traffic safety measures proposed by the City of Thousand Oaks to increase pedestrian safety on Conejo School Road. A sidewalk on the west side of Conejo School Road would allow pedestrians a safer way to navigate that section of street.

I am in support of these improvements as a way to increase pedestrian and bicycle safety.

In conclusion, I want to give my full support for the traffic safety measures proposed by the City of Thousand Oaks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa Leach".

Bicycle Advisory Team

April 1, 2016

Ms. Judith Johnduff, Program Analyst
Ventura County Transportation Commission
950 County Square Drive Suite 207
Ventura, CA 93003

Subject: TDA Article 3 Pedestrian and Bicycle Program Funds

Dear Ms. Johnduff:

We are members of the City of Thousand Oaks Bicycle Advisory Team (BAT). We are active cyclists in the Conejo Valley and also the co-presidents of The Old Kranks Bicycling Club. One of the best ways to improve cycling is to construct sidewalks. This allows the pedestrians to walk off the street and provides a place for cyclists to ride.

We would like you to consider funding the traffic safety measures proposed by the City of Thousand Oaks to provide sidewalks on the west side of Conejo School Road. We cycle this road and find it an unsafe road for cyclists and even more so for pedestrians. This road is used by students who attend both Conejo Elementary School and Colina Middle School and their safety is at risk. As most of the students using this route come from a lower income area of Thousand Oaks, they tend to walk to and from school more than children in other areas of Thousand Oaks. This is not a good place to have children walking in the roadway. The construction of these improvements will greatly benefit these students.

We give our full support to the traffic safety measures proposed by the City of Thousand Oaks and we hope the Commission will too.

Sincerely,

Katie Menees and Charles Bankston
Bicycle Advisory Team

J.C Simmons
136 Heather ridge Ave
Newbury Park, CA 91320
jc.simmons@verizon.net
P: 805-499-3125 C: 805-479-7926

March 30, 2016

Judith Johnduff, Program Analyst
Ventura County Transportation Commission
950 County Square Drive, Suite 207
Ventura, CA 93003

Subject: TDA Article 3 Pedestrian and Bicycle Program Funds
Conejo Elementary School Sidewalk Improvements
Thousand Oak, CA

Dear Ms. Johnduff:

I am a long term member of the City of Thousand Oaks BAT (Bicycle Advisory Team) and an avid cyclist in and around Thousand Oaks. I am President Emeritus of the Conejo Valley Cyclist bicycle club and a League Cycling Instructor.

BAT includes the City's local bicycle clubs (Amgen Bike Club, Conejo Valley Cyclist, Old Kranks, etc.), the Traffic and Transportation Committee, T.O. Police Department, and the City Public Works Department, Park District and Open Space Agency. The BAT is working hard to improve bicycling in the City of Thousand Oaks and meets quarterly.

One of best ways to improve cycling in urban areas is to construct complete sidewalk networks. Sidewalks allows pedestrians to walk safely off the street and provides road pavement free of walkers for vehicle and cyclists to use the lane.

I urge you to consider funding the construction and completion of the sidewalk network on the west side of Conejo School Road as proposed by the city to fully complete this sidewalk project. This would allow students attending Conejo Elementary School a safer route to school and increase pedestrian and student safety to and from Conejo Elementary School and Colina Middle School to its west.

Because of the social and economic situation of the students from these areas attending Conejo Elementary School and Colina Middle School there is a very high walking population compared to the other schools in the Conejo Unified School District. The construction of these improvements would greatly benefit these students and their safety while walking and cycling to and from school.

I strongly advocate for these project and give my full support for these safety measures proposed by the City of Thousand Oaks.

Sincerely,

J.C. Simmons
President Emeritus CVC
Bicycle Advisory Team

April 1, 2016

Judith Johnduff, Program Analyst
Ventura County Transportation Commission
950 County Square Drive, Suite 207
Ventura, CA 93003

Subject: TDA Article 3 Pedestrian and Bicycle Program Funds

Dear Ms Johnduff:

I am a member of the City of Thousand Oaks Bicycle Advisory Team (BAT) and the Traffic and Transportation Commission (TTAC). Members of the BAT include the City's TTAC, local bicycle clubs (Amgen Bike Club, Conejo Valley Cyclist) Old Kranks, etc.), Thousand Oaks Police Dept., and the City Public Works Dept. The BAT meets quarterly to discuss how to improve bicycling in the City of Thousand Oaks.

One of the best ways to improve cycling is to improve sidewalks. This allows the pedestrians to walk off the street and provides a place for cyclists to ride. It can be dangerous when a pedestrian forces a cyclist into traffic lanes.

This funding would help put sidewalks on the west side of Conejo School Road, where it is certainly needed.

In addition, the improvements will help the children walking to Colina Middle School and Conejo Elementary School that need to walk on Conejo School Road. Because of the social and economic constraints of the students that attend Conejo Elementary School and Colina Middle School from this neighborhood there is a very high walking population compared to the other schools in the Conejo Unified School District.

In conclusion, I want to give my full support for the traffic safety measures proposed by the City of Thousand Oaks.

Sincerely,

Sharon McMahon

Sharon McMahon, Member
Bicycle Advisory Team
Traffic and Transportation Advisory Commission