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The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Support for the City of Delano's 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan Development Project

Dear Secretary Duffy,

I am writing on behalf of the Kern County Board of Supervisors to express our strong support for the City of Delano's application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's SS4A Competitive Grant Program to develop and update a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan focused on reducing fatal and serious injury crashes.

Roadway safety is a shared priority for local and county governments throughout Kern County. Fatal and serious injury crashes have far reaching impacts on residents, families, emergency responders, and public resources. Developing a comprehensive, data driven Safety Action Plan will allow the City of Delano to better understand local safety challenges and identify effective strategies to reduce preventable crashes and improve outcomes for all roadway users.

The proposed Action Plan aligns with broader county and regional goals related to public safety, mobility, and quality of life. Through a structured planning process, the City will be able to evaluate crash trends, identify high risk locations, and prioritize evidence-based strategies that address factors such as speed management, visibility, and the safety of vulnerable roadway users, consistent with the Safe System Approach.

The Kern County Board of Supervisors supports the City's commitment to collaboration, community engagement, and coordination with partner agencies throughout the planning process. A well-developed SS4A Action Plan will also position the City to pursue future implementation funding for projects that complement county and regional transportation and safety objectives.

We commend the City of Delano for its proactive approach to improving roadway safety and respectfully encourage favorable consideration of this SS4A Planning Grant application. We look

forward to continued collaboration in support of safer streets and roadways for residents of Delano and the surrounding region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Phillip Peters", with a large, stylized initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Phillip Peters, Chairman
Kern County Board of Supervisors

cc: City of Delano
Kern Council of Governments
Kern County Public Works Department
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