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December 12, 2009

Susan Bransen
Associate Deputy Director
California Transportation Commission

By email to susan.bransen@dot.ca.gov

Dear Ms. Bransen:

We applaud the inclusion of strong “complete streets” components within the CTC’s draft RTP guidelines and to urge the CTC to retain or strengthen these provisions, especially as they relate to improving public health.

Breathe California of Sacramento-Emigrant Trails has been working in the Sacramento region to improve air quality through better land use. Complete Streets are a key component of our Clean Air Agenda, 37 strategic action recommendations for improved lung health through smarter land use resulting in healthier air. In our region, over 70% of air pollution comes from mobile sources. By providing safe and easily accessible streets for all users, we can continue getting people out of their cars and using cleaner transportation modes.

The strong provisions outlined in the draft RTP guidelines will have an effect statewide as complete streets are needed throughout California. Poor land use, resulting in increasingly greater vehicle miles traveled, can be seen in large and small communities across the state. Complete streets should be a standard practice in both new and older communities.

Complete streets will enable California communities to promote safer and healthier transportation while helping the state achieve key goals related to climate change and public health. The CTC should retain a strong complete streets component within its draft RTP guidelines.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kori Titus
CEO