

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**RE: Committee Letter of Support for “Quick-Strike” Downtown Better Bikeway Project**

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers:

I am writing to you on behalf of the City of San José’s Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) in support of the City Council's action to accept and award the construction of the MTC “Quick-Strike” Grant - Better Bikeways Project. Since its initial installation in 2018, the Downtown protected bikeways network has witnessed a 50% increase in ridership.

Protected bikeways focus on safety, convenience, and comfort. The “Quick-Strike” Grant - Better Bikeways Project scope is considered the universal standard in applying San Jose’s Council-adopted *Better Bike Plan 2025* and complete street standards in the public right-of-way. We are enthusiastic about the commitment the City has made to continue building safe streets for pedestrians and cyclists in our community.

To reduce bicycle and pedestrian fatalities, BPAC advises the City of San Jose about the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians. BPAC members are individuals who live in San Jose. Members are appointed via a competitive and equitable selection process.

This letter was approved unanimously by BPAC’s at its May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 committee meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aarshdeep Kahlon', with a stylized, flowing script.

Aarshdeep Kahlon, Chairperson