

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

March 8, 2017

Mr. Dale Benson – Local Assistance Mr. Paul Moore – Bicycle Facilities Unit Caltrans District 7 100 S. Main Street, #12-420 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Benson and Mr. Moore;

The City of Pasadena would like to offer our support for the designation of proposed U.S. Bicycle Routes 66 (USBR 66) through our community. We recognize that bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, contributing \$47 billion a year to the economies of communities that provide facilities for such tourists. As a community, we stand to benefit from this opportunity both economically and from the health and environmental related benefits of encouraging bicycle travel in our region.

The U.S. Bicycle Route System is a bicycle based transportation system sponsored by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). Our city lies along the much larger corridor that extends across Southern California from the Colorado River at Needles following historic Highway Route 66 from Chicago to terminate in Santa Monica.

USBR 66 crosses east and west through the City of Pasadena on our historic Colorado Boulevard and then north and south on Marengo Avenue.

The City of Pasadena has a population of about 140,000 residents. The proposed route for USBR 66 will provide a benefit to our residents and businesses and we endorse having the route mapped and signed, thereby promoting bicycle tourism in our area, Therefore the City of Pasadena hereby expresses its support for USBR 66, and requests that the appropriate officials nominate the routes for AASHTO designation as soon as this can be achieved.

Sincerely,

RICHARD W. DILLUVIO

SENIOR TRANSPORATION PLANNER