



Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning
Mountain View, CA 94041

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California State Senator Jerry Hill, 13th District
Capitol Office
State Capitol
Room 5035
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Hill:

The Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning (MVCSP), Safe Mountain View, and Great Streets Mountain View would like to express our support for increased funding for the State of California Active Transportation Program (ATP) through the current State Budget planning process. Safe Routes to School, California Walks, California Bicycle Coalition, Transform, among 120 or more organizations have proposed a \$100 million increase in funding. These funds are sorely needed, especially for locations in the state that are now inadequately served or where infrastructure projects have been delayed or stalled due to lack of financial resources or by decision makers. According to the Coalition for Active Transportation Leadership, "ATP is California's statewide competitive grant program dedicated to increasing walking and bicycling, especially in underserved communities." And "ATP continues to be the most effective source for robust bicycling and walking projects that create safe travel corridors, connect people to transit, provide Safe Routes to School, improve intersections, and close key gaps between destinations for people who walk and bicycle."

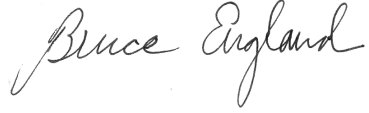
Unfortunately, Governor Brown recently declined to increase program funding through his "May revise" budget proposal, so it is now up to the Legislature to make this right. We are gratified to learn that a \$25 million increase proposal is now on the table, although we would like to see the full \$100 million increase proposal considered.

We do recognize that there are multiple needs for State funds, and a number of them are of interest to us also. However, at this time, we choose to emphasize our support for this particular program and increased funding for it, as it benefits the state in a variety of ways, with each benefit adding value to the program overall. For example, high-quality infrastructure that serves those walking or biking can encourage more people to use their cars less often, thus reducing greenhouse-gas (GHG) emissions from vehicle use and help us meet our ambitious GHG reduction goals of 80% below 1990 levels by 2050 and support AB 32 goals in general.

We also understand that negotiations over cap-and-trade funds are now postponed, but we wanted to be sure you knew our thoughts about this now in any case.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce England".

Bruce England

on behalf of the Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning

Cosigned by Safe Mountain View and Great Streets Mountain View

About Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning

The Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning is a group of local volunteers—comprised of over 70 members—dedicated to making Mountain View as beautiful, economically healthy, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian accessible, and affordable as possible. MVCSP member interest and expertise covers areas such as housing, transportation, the environment, the economy, and beyond!

For more information, see <http://www.mvcsp.org>.

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