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Subject: Item D.2 - SUPPORT 2025 Residential Pavement Projects

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## Dear Mayor Perotte and Council Members:

As parents and residents of northeast Goleta, we support the inclusion of Berkeley Road in the City's 2025 Residential Resurfacing and Arterial Pavement Projects and urge you to authorize staff to move forward with the bidding process so that this important work can begin as soon as possible.

Hundreds of bicyclists per week use Berkeley Road as part of the North Goleta Cross-Town Bicycle Route. Many children in the neighborhood—including our own—ride their bicycles on Berkeley Road on their way to parks, schools, and friends' houses. It is the primary route used by neighborhood kids on their way to Kellogg Elementary School and Goleta Valley Junior High School. The road suffers from large cracks, deep potholes, slick gravel on the roadbed, weeds growing through the pavement, and buckling from tree roots. Cyclists—many of whom are inexperienced young children—are forced to swerve into traffic as they attempt to avoid these hazardous conditions. Children and other bicyclists get their tires caught in the cracks and grooves of the road, or lose traction on the gravel.

For these reasons, we are thrilled to see the inclusion of Berkeley Road in the 2025 project list. The proposed pavement repairs, crosswalk and curb enhancements, improved striping, and placement of shared roadway bicycle markings will address many of the ongoing safety concerns in the neighborhood. The most deteriorated segment (between Fairview Ave. and Sylvan Rd.) is included in staff's proposed base bid and we are very thankful that the City is prioritizing this segment. The remaining segment, from Sylvan Dr. to the eastern city limit, is included as Bid Alternate 3. We hope to see work completed along this critical segment as well and would support the inclusion of the entire Berkeley Road corridor (from Fairview Ave. to the eastern city limit) in the base bid if possible.

We urge you to authorize staff to advertise for bids for the 2025 Residential Resurfacing and Arterial Pavement Projects, including Berkeley Road. Thank you for prioritizing the safety of children and bicyclists along this busy route.

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