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Mr. Kevin Sylvester, Office of Transportation Operations, Federal Highway Administration Via Email & On-line Docket Posting: Kevin.Sylvester@dot.gov

Subject: FHWA-2020-0001-0001, RIN: 2020-26789 – MUTCD NPA Docket Comments

Dear Mr. Sylvester,

We appreciate the tremendous amount of work that you and your team have contributed to this NPA effort as well as the vast work and hours of dedication of the NCUTCD volunteers, for which our City has been supportive of and afforded the opportunity for our team to participate and review the NPA and provide substantive comments to the Docket. This process is no small task, but is critically important to the travelling public across the Country.

Here in the City of Santa Ana, CA (population of 332K), as the County Seat of Orange County approximately 45 miles southeast of Los Angeles, we have been installing over 20 miles of additional bikeways, many separated/protected, over 70 new bulb-outs to shorten crosswalk lengths and roundabouts/circles to meaningfully address travel speeds and the character of several residential and collector streets, etc. We are also in the process of installing some bicycle signals to serve all roadway users and their safety and would like additional options in this area for Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons as well.

We are appreciative of the Active Transportation federal and state grant funding that has helped us to substantially expand our ability to provide for the most vulnerable roadway users: pedestrians, bicyclists in addition to drivers and provide our comments with the intent to assist in this important process and with a keen eye on true safety.

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This submittal reflects the significant experience of our City's Traffic Engineering Department within the Public Works Agency, and our ethical responsibility to serve the public safely and equitably.

Please see our comments in Attachment 1 inclusive of this letter and Exhibits A & B referenced in Attachment 1 of our comments per FHWA's preferred format.

Respectfully submitted,

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