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September 27, 2013

Mr. Justin McCusker, Commissioner

Orange County Parks

13 Old Myford Road

Irvine, CA 92302-2304

Re: SCAG Sustainability Planning Grant Award

Dear Commissioner McCusker:

Congratulations! On behalf of the Regional Council, I am pleased to inform you that the Orange County Parks submittal for the Orange County Bicycle Loop project has been approved at the meeting on September 12th. Orange County Parks has been awarded a Sustainability Program grant valued at approximately \$180,000 in planning services. The Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) looks forward to partnering with the Parks Department on this planning grant and appreciates your interest.

This project is another step towards implementing the approved 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) that was developed with a bottom-up partnership for a livable and prosperous Southern California through 2035. The Sustainability grant program enables SCAG to partner directly with our members by providing financial assistance to local planning initiatives that help implement the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and, at the same time, support local priorities. The Parks Department's proposal is consistent with the Sustainability Program's goals of improving livability, mobility, prosperity and sustainability and moves us one step closer to realizing our shared vision.

SCAG is pleased to be able to offer you consultant services, free of charge, to implement your project. The next step will be to work from the project proposal to develop a scope of work and "Request for Proposals" (RFP) for bid by a qualified consultant team to support your effort.

SCAG staff will be in touch shortly to discuss this process. In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Peter Brandenburg, Program Manager, at (213) 236-1937 or by email at brandenb@scag.ca.gov. Thank you again for your interest in partnering with SCAG to plan for a better future for your community and the entire SCAG region.

Sincerely,

Greg Pettis

President

Cc: Tuan Richardson, Park Design Technician