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Mr. Rick Marshall, District 4 BAC Chair
Deputy Director of Public Works
Road Commissioner & County Surveyor
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Dear Mr. Marshall

Thank you for the August 21, 2013 letter providing feedback on the "Understanding Bicycle Transportation" training held in Oakland on November 15, 2012. The target audience for this training was Caltrans Planners, Engineers, Bicycle Coordinators, Project Managers, and Landscape Architects. The host district was also encouraged to invite external partners to attend the training as space was available.

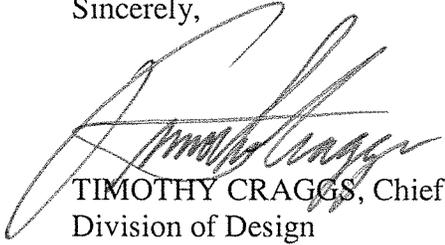
This training was focused on providing the audience a basic understanding of the rights and responsibilities of bicyclists; their expectations and travel behaviors; and to discuss safety, mobility and access issues as they relate to the State transportation system. By doing this, the goal was not only to highlight designing for bicyclists needs but to also plan for their transportation needs early and consistently throughout the project development process. This training was intentionally not developed to be a discussion on the state of bicycle transportation design and engineering. However, questions naturally arise on topics not intended to be discussed in the class and they are usually captured during the class and handled as time allows.

Deputy Directive 64-R-1 "Complete Streets - Integrating the Transportation System", instructs the California Department of Transportation employees to follow and recommend improvements to manuals, guidance, and procedures that maximize safety and mobility for all users in all transportation products and activities. California and the nation, as mentioned in your letter, are also interested in seeing further progress in the state of bicycle transportation design and engineering. Thus, as needed, future training sessions will be developed or linked to if they have been developed by others (i.e., webinars, etc.) to address new concepts and changes in the state of the practice in bicycle transportation design and engineering.

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Please feel free to share information on the D4 BAC resources mentioned with Kevin Herritt, Chief, Office of Geometric Design Standards at Kevin.Herritt@dot.ca.gov. He may also be contacted at (916) 653-0253.

Sincerely,



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