

# BRIDGEPORT VALLEY

## Regional Planning Advisory Committee

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Mono County  
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**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MONO COUNTY'S ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM PROJECT**

Dear Mono County:

The Bridgeport Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) supports Mono County's Active Transportation Program (ATP) project which will increase biking and walking, increase safety and travel options for those not traveling by vehicle, reduce vehicle use and greenhouse gas emissions, and enhance public health, with a special effort to reduce childhood obesity by focusing on school routes.

We understand the project will include the following elements in Bridgeport:

- Completion of sidewalk gaps and segments on Main Street, and pedestrian/bike improvements along adjacent County roads, to connect residential areas and the elementary school;
- Improvements to pedestrian and designated school crossings on US 395/Main Street, improving the safety of walking and biking to the schools, and between the schools and destinations such as the park and library;
- Specifically, pedestrian crossings will be enhanced with temporary or permanent bulb outs and pedestrian-activated crossing lights; and
- Improvements such as a banner across US 395 to create a visual horizon encouraging reduced traffic speeds and to animate Main Street.

This project builds upon the 2012 Bridgeport Main Street Revitalization Project, a planning effort funded by a Caltrans Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant and awarded the *2015 Caltrans Excellence in Transportation Award for a Highway as a Main Street*. Community participation in this planning effort was outstanding, and resulted in strong consensus on projects to improve mobility, connectivity, and community vitality. In fact, the planning effort was implemented within eight weeks of conclusion through a road diet consisting of travel lane reductions, the installation of innovative back-in angled parking, and the addition of bike lanes.

The currently proposed project will continue to benefit our local community, and we wish the County success with the grant application.

Sincerely,

Barry Beck  
Chair