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July 18, 2013

Chairman Mr. James Ghielmetti
Commissioner Mr. Darius Assemi,
Executive Director Mr. Andre Boutros
Director, California Department of Transportation Mr. Malcolm Dougherty

California Transportation Commission
1120 Room 2221 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Gentlemen,

**Letter of Support to Advance Allocate State Transportation Commission (STIP) Funding
City of Clovis RPSTLE-5208(136) Sunnyside / Shepherd Trailhead**

I am writing this letter to solicit your support and approval of our request to advance allocate **\$1,897,000 of STP Enhancement STIP-TE funds (old TE apportionments) at your August 2013 meeting** for the construction component of our trailhead project located at the southwest corner of Sunnyside and Shepherd Avenues in Clovis, California. See attached project plan.

For the past year the City of Clovis has been actively and aggressively working with our project partner the Fresno Irrigation District and the community to design, complete the environmental review process, and acquire the necessary land to develop our long awaited trailhead project. It is with great pride that I can say the many hurdles before us on this project have been overcome. Final design is underway as I write this letter, all National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reviews are complete and approved, and the land purchase contract has been executed. The City of Clovis is in the best position possible to deliver our project upon receiving a construction fund allocation, with no foreseeable delays.

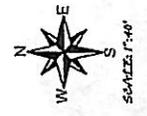
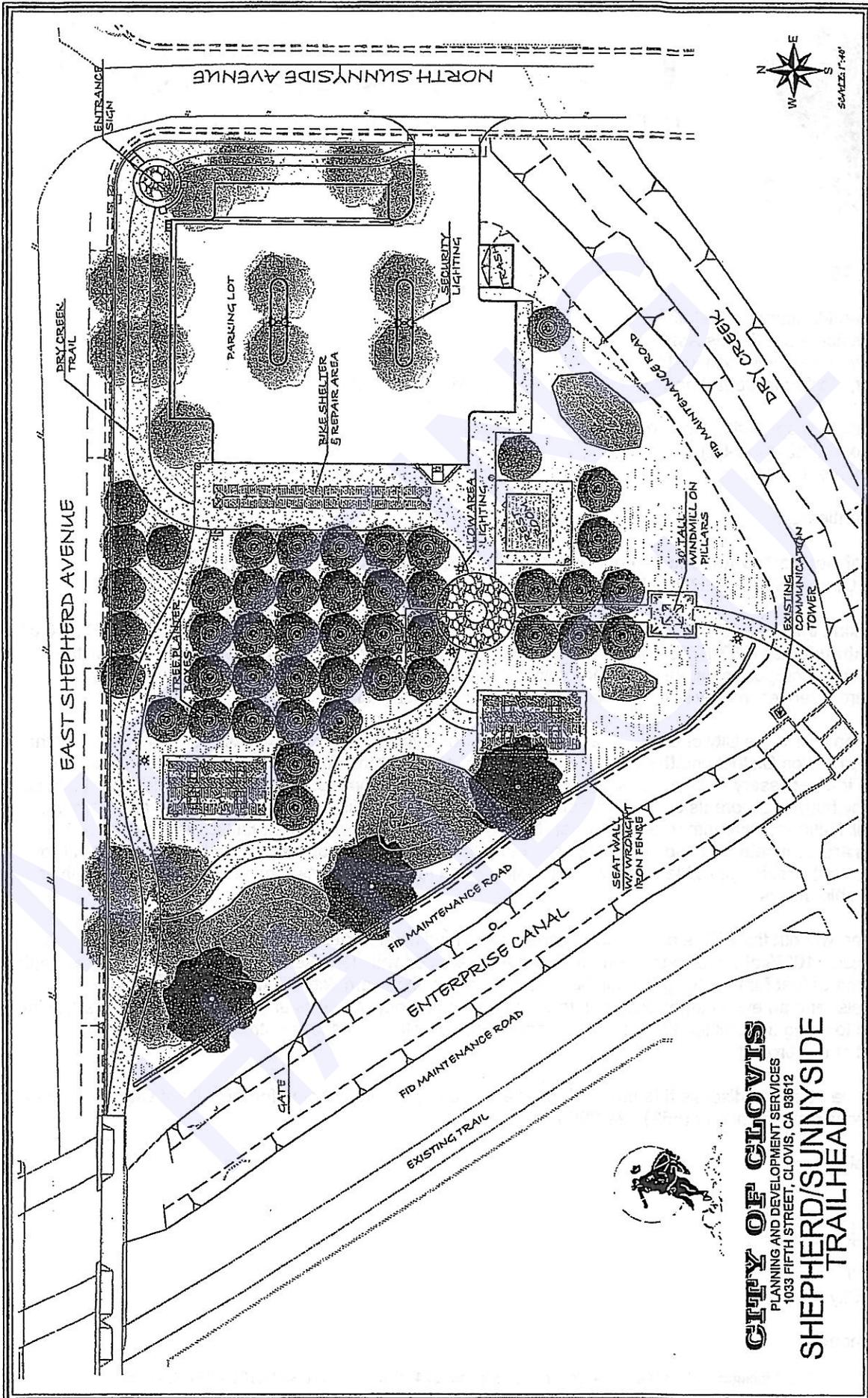
However, without the CTC's allocation of construction funding in August, the City will be unable to deliver this project (100% of the construction funds are programmed with TE reserves and toll credits). This would be a huge defeat for the City given all the resources put forth to complete all the pre-construction approvals, and an even bigger disappointment to our community bicyclists and pedestrians that are looking forward to using the trailhead facility in the near future. For these reasons I strongly encourage your support of our project.

I would be happy to discuss this project further and the importance it holds for the City of City. Please call me at your convenience at (559) 324-2060

Sincerely,

Robert Woolley
Clovis City Manager

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