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COMMUNITY PLANNING

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dale Robins, Regional Transportation Council
Cc: Juanita Rogers, Chair Clark Communities Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

FROM: Gary Albrecht, Planner III, AICP

DATE: July 14, 2017

SUBJECT: RTC STP Urban Project Application – NE Highway 99 at 99th Street Intersection Improvements

Clark Communities Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is submitting this memo in support of Clark County's grant application.

As lead staff advisor to the Clark County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, I am pleased to share committee support for the Highway 99 at NE 99th Street Intersection Improvements project. We appreciate the time county staff have spent explaining the project and listening to committee concerns about safety improvement for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The high volume of vehicle traffic on Highway 99 makes addition of any new bicycle lanes important for safety as well as rider comfort. Although limited in scope, the project will nonetheless help make the area more inviting for pedestrians as well as bicyclists. Restricting driveway access onto the Northeast corner of the intersection will improve vehicle, bicycle, pedestrian safety and adding bike lanes at the intersection will help complete a much needed bicycle lane network on Highway 99. We endorse the county's application for Surface Transportation grant funds, and look forward to the successful completion of this project.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide project support for this application.