January 23, 2020

City of Sacramento  
915 I Street  
Sacramento, CA  95814

Dear City Councilmembers and City Staff:

I am writing to express our support for the past and current Broadway planning efforts in the Oak Park neighborhood. Our Board has been engaged by the Envision Broadway project team since day one and we would like to offer our support the draft plan.

Key to the success of the overall effort were City staffmember Leslie Mancebo and lead consultant Adrian Engel. I was extremely impressed by their professionalism and commitment to a comprehensive planning exercise. Both are outstanding individuals, with great vision and the best interests of the community in mind.

We look forward to supporting the City’s exploration of future funding opportunities. In fact, our Board recently voted to support an allocation of business district funds to streetscape improvements outlined in the draft plan and in the spirit of contributing to the plan’s implementation.

I am excited to follow the process as we move forward, together. Feel free to contact me for more information or participation.

Sincerely,

Seann Rooney  
Executive Director
February 7, 2020

City of Sacramento
915 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Envision Broadway in Oak Park Draft Plan:

Dear Councilmembers and Staff to the City of Sacramento,

On behalf of the Oak Park Neighborhood Association, I am writing in support of the adoption of the Envision Broadway in Oak Park Draft Plan, to enhance accessibility and safety for all along Broadway in Oak Park.

The Oak Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) is a community building organization that serves as a resource to inform and advocate for quality of life in the Oak Park neighborhood. Central to our mission is advocacy for safe, multimodal transportation options including walking, biking, driving, and riding transit. In early 2017, OPNA collaborated with WALKSacramento to develop the Oak Park Active Travel Study funded by The California Endowment in order to address traffic safety and mobility concerns expressed by residents, which identified opportunities to enhance the neighborhood with better facilities for people walking and biking, traffic calming, and better transit stops. As such, OPNA has a rich history working with these partners to address inequities related to transportation and mobility, which the Envision Broadway plan will help to address.

Given the demonstrated competency and expertise of city staff and partners in community engagement and planning, and commitment to addressing our neighborhood’s demonstrated transportation and mobility needs, we urge the adoption of this plan and encourage further exploration of funding opportunities to support these efforts. If you would like to speak with us further, please do not hesitate in contacting OPNA Secretary Andrea Rivera at andrea@oakparkna.com or (916) 572-6762.

Sincerely,

Andrea Rivera
Secretary, Oak Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA)
(916) 572-6762
andrea@oakparkna.com
January 29, 2020

Dear Leslie,

As you know, the Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates (SABA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to safe streets for cyclists and pedestrians and for a seamless transportation system that allows more people to get out of their cars for daily trips for work and play. Many of our members and supporters live near or in Oak Park making this project one we fully support and are excited to see its successful implementation.

Oak Park has a great history and this project will help preserve the feel of Oak Park while making Broadway a safer and healthier corridor to navigate, which will bring more people into the area. This project will implement Complete Streets which will benefit all users of the corridor because Complete Street design is known to foster healthy communities. They play an important role in livable communities where all people, regardless of age and ability, feel safe on the roadways.

The input during the data collection phase of the project clearly showed that most bicyclists did not feel comfortable using Broadway and were forced to find alternate streets which lengthened their total trip time. Creating road diets with buffered bike lanes and slowing traffic on Broadway will definitely benefit all users and travel modes. Slowing down traffic will allow users to better enjoy the variety of shops and restaurants along Broadway. It will naturally bring people into the area which will help to fuel a thriving community.

We urge the City Council to embrace this project and to seek funding for it. Oak Park is a wonderful asset to Sacramento. Shouldn’t it be a place where adults and children can safely travel in and through? The Envision Broadway in Oak Park Plan will get us there.

Sincerely,

Debra Banks
Acting Executive Director
January 31, 2020

Leslie Mancebo  
Department of Public Works  
City of Sacramento  
915 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Envision Broadway in Oak Park

WALKSacramento is pleased to share our strong support for the approval of the Envision Broadway in Oak Park Project to study the Broadway corridor between Franklin Boulevard and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

In 2017, WALKSacramento worked with the Oak Park Neighborhood Association to create the Oak Park Active Travel Study to identify opportunities to enhance the neighborhood with multi-modal facilities and traffic calming. We are proud to see the City of Sacramento continue to build upon this initial work to develop the Envision Broadway in Oak Park project. This project will work to improve safety and mobility for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and drivers.

WALKSacramento has worked with the City of Sacramento over last several years to develop a vision for a safer, more pedestrian and bicycle friendly Broadway corridor that will not only provide a comprehensive multimodal transportation corridor, but improves public health, local economic development, and urban sustainability. We feel strongly that the proposed plans achieve those objectives and continues the City’s work toward improving mobility for all communities.

Sincerely,

Molly Wagner, CPTED CPD  
Project Coordinator