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February 14, 2024

Tony Kranz
Mayor

The Honorable Catherine Blakespear
Member of the California State Senate
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for SB 689 (Blakespear): Local Coastal Program – Bicycle Lane

Allison Blackwell
Deputy Mayor

Dear Senator Blakespear,

On behalf of the City of Encinitas, we write in strong support of SB 689 (Blakespear), which will reduce unnecessary delays in the development of bike lanes along California's coastline. To accomplish this, SB 689 will no longer require traffic studies to convert a travel lane to a bike lane and provide that these bike lanes qualify to be processed as a 'de minimis' LCP amendment.

Bruce Ehlers
Council Member

The Encinitas City Council has identified Mobility and Alternate Modes as one of its highest priorities. Mobility and Alternate Modes mean we strive to be a nationwide leader in mode shift by providing data driven solutions to create a safe transportation network along with programs that educate and empower people to reach destinations by active transportation and micro-mobility. SB 689 assists with this goal.

Kellie Shay Hinze
Council Member

Local Coastal Programs, better known as "LCPs," are critical coastal planning documents that allow California's 76 coastal zone cities and counties to implement the Coastal Act at the local level. There are three ways to bring an LCP amendment to a Commission hearing: (1) De minimis amendment, which means the amendment has no individual or cumulative impact on coastal resources, (2) Minor amendment, which can include non-substantive revisions or procedural changes, and (3) Major amendment, which typically involves anything that does not meet the definition of de minimis or minor amendments and/ or involves suggested modification.

Joy Lyndes
Council Member

The standard LCP amendment process can be time-consuming and have associated costs, often demanding comprehensive studies or mandatory public testimony at hearings. This can dissuade local governments from updating their LCP. On October 30, 2023, a 41-year-old person was riding their bike on West Point Loma Boulevard when a driver struck them from behind. Thankfully, the person survived, but was hospitalized with a fractured pelvis. The collision took place on a stretch of road where city officials had planned to install protected bike lanes earlier that month. But those plans were stalled with the LCP amendment process.

Pamela Antil
City Manager

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This is why it is critical to allow for a de minimis LCP amendment process for less strenuous amendments. For these reasons, we are in strong support of SB 689 (Blakespear). Please contact me at 760-633-2618 for any questions about our position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A.J. Kranz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Tony Kranz
Mayor
City of Encinitas