Notice of Exemption

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From:

Southern California Association of

Governments

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Project Title:

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Walk, Ride, Learn Safety and Encouragement Campaign

Project Location:

Imperial County and the communities of Calipatria, Niland, Westmorland, Seeley and Heber.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Project Ride, Walk, Learn is a non-infrastructure, educationally focused program targeted to students and their parents in underserved communities to impart information on bicycle and pedestrian safety, with health and environmental components, through school assemblies, bicycle rodeos, and educational materials.

Project Ride, Walk, Learn will focus on some of Imperial County's neediest communities, and by extension, serving some of the county's neediest students traversing some of the poorest infrastructure conditions to and from school. Roads in poor condition and limited sidewalks in some cases affect the safety of children walking and riding their bicycles to and from school. This educationally focused program will impart important information programmed around key components of the community wants as outlined in the "education" and "encouragement" portions of the Imperial County Safe Routes to Schools Master Plan drawn up by the Imperial County Transportation Commission in spring 2016. The communities of focus will be Calipatria, Niland, Westmorland, Seeley and Heber. Students will come away with instruction on the safe use of bikes and being a safe pedestrian to and from school. Additionally, students will learn how human-powered transportation will promote healthy lifestyles in communities that struggle with child obesity and cut down on pollution in conditions where air quality can be of concern. Information will delivered in school assemblies, bicycle rodeos and educational materials for parents.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

Southern California Association of Governments

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

2019038656

Project Approval Date: SCAG's Regional Council Approved the project on February 7, 2019. The California Transportation Commission awarded funding for this project on March 16, 2017.

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