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Dear Encinitas City Council,

The MiraCosta College Associated Student Government would like to express our strong support for the city's plan to improve the roads throughout Encinitas, including Manchester Avenue. These improvements are necessary to ensure the safety of students and community members alike.

We are writing to you specifically about Manchester Avenue. This is a popular point of access to our San Elijo campus and without nearby public transportation many of our students travel to campus by car and bike. However, the current bike lanes along Manchester Avenue are intermittent at best, which poses a safety issue for our students commuting with active transportation to campus.

We are excited that the City of Encinitas is committed to improving the roads along Manchester Avenue. As directed in the November 8, 2020 City of Encinitas Planning Commission Agenda Report, Item 8A, it states that the city will make improvements to the bike lanes along Manchester Avenue. The Associated Student Government requests that the city ensures the bike lanes on both sides of the street are improved. This way, students using either side of the street will be safe when commuting to school. We also ask that the improvements to bike lanes on Manchester Avenue extend as far east as the city has the authority to develop.

The City of Encinitas has done great work improving the bike lanes for the coastal communities. We ask you to please bring the same level of dedication to improving the bike lane on Manchester Avenue to ensure the access to safe bike lanes is equal for all community members.

By improving the bike lanes, the students and community members who use active transportation will be safer which will promote a stronger community.

We thank you for listening to our concerns, and we look forward to seeing improvements being made to this issue.

Sincerely,

The MiraCosta College Associated Student Government

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