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Terra Curtis, Director
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Dear Director Curtis,

On behalf of the California Bicycle Coalition (CalBike), I write in continued support of Waymo's request that the Commission's Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division approve its advice letter reflecting an expanded service area for fared autonomous vehicle transportation across Northern and Southern California.

CalBike advocates for streets that are safe for everyone, including those biking, walking, and taking transit. Traffic violence remains one of the most pressing safety issues in California communities, and the vast majority of serious crashes are caused by human error, with speeding as a major contributor in [29%](#) of crashes in 2023. Waymo's technology is designed with vulnerable road users in mind, obeying speed limits, respecting bike lanes, and yielding at crosswalks. For the bicyclists and pedestrians we represent, predictable, rule-following behavior from vehicles on the road matters enormously.

We, among many other organizations, supported Waymo's January application to expand passenger service in Northern and Southern California and offer rides in Ojai vehicles. As we stated in our original letter, we view Waymo's autonomous driving technology as a pivotal opportunity to improve roadway safety across California making our roads safer for all. Broader deployment of autonomous vehicles meaningfully contributes to safer streets for all California residents and visitors, not just those inside the vehicle. Additionally, increasing access to Waymo may reduce the need for a car for occasional trips, enabling more people to choose to bike or walk more often for their travel needs.

We recognize the thoroughness Commission Staff has brought to this review and the supplemental information Waymo has provided along the way. At this stage, however, the case for approval is well established. Continued delay keeps a proven safety technology out of reach for communities that stand to benefit. We respectfully urge the Commission to complete its review and approve Waymo's advice letter.

Sincerely,

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