



November 23, 2022

California Transportation Commission
1120 N. Street, MS-52
Sacramento, CA 95814
Via email to: ctc@catc.ca.gov

RE: Support for ATP Staff Recommendations

Dear Chair Eager, CTC Commissioners, and Director Weiss:

On behalf of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC), our partner agencies, the RTC's Bicycle Advisory Committee, and the RTC's Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC), I am writing to express our strong support for the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 6 Staff Recommendations.

The bicycle and pedestrian projects recommended for funding in Santa Cruz County were prioritized based on extensive public outreach and their ability to help us in meeting State and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) goals and targets to improve access, safety, health, and equity, as well as reduce emissions by making it easier for residents, visitors, students and commuters to bike, walk, and get to bus stops. These projects fill gaps in our bicycle and pedestrian networks, provide critical safety training to youth, and include several miles of the transformative Coastal Rail Trail that will benefit generations of bicyclists and pedestrians.

I want to especially recognize CTC staff for their years of collaboration with regions, advocates, and applicants that led to development of transparent guidelines, scoring rubrics, and application forms; and express our sincere appreciation to you and your staff, as well as all of the volunteers who reviewed Cycle 6 Active Transportation Program (ATP) applications this year.

I urge you to approve your staff recommendations at your December meeting. Please contact me at gpreston@sccrtc.org or 831-460-3200 if you have questions about any of these important transportation projects in Santa Cruz County.

Sincerely,

Guy Preston
Executive Director

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Dear Chair Eager and Commissioners,

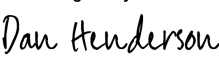
This letter expresses appreciation and support for the Active Transportation Program staff recommendations proposing funding for six essential projects in the Santa Cruz community, including the University of California, Santa Cruz's application for the UCSC *"SlugBikeLife" Bike Safety and Education Program Phase 2* program. This second phase of work will continue the essential bike safety elements of bike safety programming currently underway in ATP Cycle 4. However, this new phase will develop and encourage an equity-based, more inclusive model to encourage community members from all groups to cycle more and to cycle safely. This will include developing a paid peer-to-peer educational model to train individuals fully representative of the campus's diverse community on the importance of bike safety and encourage cycling as a viable form of active transportation.

Other key projects include the *Coastal Rail Trail Segments 8 and 9 and Segments 10 and 11* which will be transformational for access to UCSC facilities. These two projects will construct over 6.3-miles of separated ADA-accessible bicycle/pedestrian path extending from Pacific Ave in Santa Cruz to State Park Drive in Seacliff, providing our campus affiliates across all of mid-County safe access from their homes to the UCSC Westside Research Park which is directly adjacent to the rail trail, the UCSC Coastal Science Campus nearby, and to direct, frequent transit connections to the main campus via Bay Street and Western Drive. In addition, in the City of Santa Cruz, the *Swanton Delaware Multimodal Path* will improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and access to the UCSC Westside Research Park and Coastal Science Campus and other important community destinations.

The *Safe Routes to Downtown Watsonville* and *Safe Routes for Watsonville School Families and Community* will build critical bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in downtown Watsonville and provide bicycle and pedestrian safety training and education at schools and in the community. UCSC has many campus affiliates who live in the Watsonville community and we fully support all improvements for safer bike and pedestrian travel.

We humbly request that you adopt the staff recommendation and support these six valuable projects. Together, they will transform the active transportation landscape and dramatically increase the number and safety of people walking and biking in our community.

Sincerely,

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Dan Henderson
Director, Transportation and Parking Services
University of California, Santa Cruz



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November 21, 2022

Dear Commissioners,

This letter expresses California State Park's excitement and gratitude for the Active Transportation Program staff recommendations that propose funding six essential projects in our community.

Coastal Rail Trail Segments 8 and 9 and Segments 10 and 11 will be transformational for our organization. These two projects will construct over 6.3-miles of separated ADA-accessible bicycle/pedestrian path extending from Pacific Ave in Santa Cruz to State Park Drive in Aptos, providing safe and direct bicycle and pedestrian access to three important and highly popular State Park destinations: New Brighton State Beach, Seacliff State Beach, and Twin Lakes State Beach.

In the city of Santa Cruz, the Swanton Delaware Multimodal Path and UCSC Bike Safety and Education Program Phase 2 will improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and access to important community destinations including Natural Bridges State Beach and provide necessary safety training to UCSC students, many of whom walk and bike to campus. The Safe Routes to Downtown Watsonville and Safe Routes for Watsonville School Families and Community will build critical bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in downtown Watsonville and provide bicycle and pedestrian safety training and education at schools and in the community. These two projects will dramatically improve the safety of children and families walking and biking in the heart of Watsonville, providing more equitable access to key services.

We humbly request that you adopt the staff recommendation and support these six valuable projects. Together, they will transform the active transportation landscape and dramatically increase the number and safety of people walking and biking in our community.

Sincerely,

Linda Hitchcock

Linda Hitchcock
Senior Park and Recreation Specialist
CA Department of Parks and Recreation
Santa Cruz District



County of Santa Cruz

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JEFF GAFFNEY
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November 21, 2022

Dear Commissioners,

This letter expresses Santa Cruz County Parks' gratitude for the Active Transportation Program staff recommendations that propose funding six essential projects in our community.

The *Safe Routes to Downtown Watsonville* and *Safe Routes for Watsonville School Families and Community* will build critical bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in downtown Watsonville and provide bicycle and pedestrian safety training and education at schools and in the community. These two projects will dramatically improve the safety of children and families walking and biking in the heart of Watsonville, providing more equitable access to key services. In the city of Santa Cruz, the *Swanton Delaware Multimodal Path* and UCSC "*SlugBikeLife*" *Bike Safety and Education Program Phase 2* will improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and access to important community destinations and provide necessary safety training to UCSC students, many of whom walk and bike to campus.

Finally, *Coastal Rail Trail Segments 8/9 and 10/11* will be transformational for our community. These two projects will construct over 6.3-miles of separated ADA-accessible bicycle/pedestrian path that will connect multiple low-income neighborhoods, 21 schools, 44 parks, 20 public beaches, 3 community centers, and numerous affordable and senior housing projects. In addition, the project provides direct access to our Simpkins Swim Center, administrative offices, and Twin Lakes County Park.

Our community is so thankful for this opportunity and cannot wait to bring these projects to life. We urge you to adopt the staff recommendation and support these six valuable projects. Together, they will transform the active transportation landscape and dramatically increase the number and safety of people walking and biking in our community.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Gaffney
Director of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services



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November 20, 2022

RE: Support for Santa Cruz Rail Trail Segment 8 and 9 Construction

Dear Commissioners,

This letter expresses the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County's excitement and gratitude for the Active Transportation Program staff recommendations that propose funding six essential projects in our community. The mission of the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County is to protect, care for, and connect people to the extraordinary lands that make this area special.

The *Coastal Rail Trail Segments 8/9 and 10/11* projects directly advance our mission, helping connect people to the outdoors in our community. In addition, we own multiple properties that are open to the public and located directly along the trail. The Land Trust's support for this project goes back almost a decade to our participation in development of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network Master Plan.

The *Safe Routes to Downtown Watsonville* and *Safe Routes for Watsonville School Families and Community* will build critical bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in downtown Watsonville and provide bicycle and pedestrian safety training and education at schools and in the community. These two projects will dramatically improve the safety of children and families walking and biking in the heart of Watsonville, providing more equitable access to key services. In the city of Santa Cruz, the *Swanton Delaware Multimodal Path* and *UCSC "SlugBikeLife" Bike Safety and Education Program Phase 2* will improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and access to important community destinations and provide necessary safety training to UCSC students, many of whom walk and bike to campus.

We humbly request that you adopt the staff recommendation and support these six valuable projects. Together, they will transform the active transportation landscape and dramatically increase the number and safety of people walking and biking in our community.

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Sincerely,

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Bryan Largay

Conservation Director
Land Trust of Santa Cruz County



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11/21/2022

Dear Commissioners,

This letter expresses Santa Cruz Community Health's gratitude for the Active Transportation Program staff recommendations that propose funding six essential projects in our community. Santa Cruz Community Health is a leading nonprofit provider of high-quality, affordable and comprehensive health services in English and Spanish to all ages, gender identities, ethnicities, abilities and sexual orientations, regardless of their ability to pay. It is our mission to improve the health of our patients and the community and advocate the feminist goals of social, political, and economic equality.

Transportation is a social determinate of health that affects Santa Cruz Community Health patients in multiple ways. Transportation can affect access to healthcare services, social services, employment, and educational opportunities hindering our community's ability to thrive. Transportation is one of the barriers to care that was largely eliminated during Covid due to the benefit of telehealth and telephonic care. Santa Cruz Community Health supports the elimination of barriers to care.

In addition, a child's experience in a natural setting presents opportunity for knowledge, discovery, connection, movement and awe, which are all essential to achieve and maintain optimal health.

To that end, Coastal Rail Trail Segments 8 and 9 and Segments 10 and 11 are particularly important to our patient population. This trail is adjacent to many community-supporting facilities. Our Live Oak Health Center Clinic, a new Dientes Community Dental Clinic opening next month, the Live Oak Resource Center, and Live Oak Senior Center are all within a half-mile of the project. This project will improve the health outcomes of our patients and our entire community by creating a safe, accessible trail that everyone can use to run errands, go to school or work, visit family friends, go to the beach or a park, and see their healthcare provider at Live Oak Health Center.



The Safe Routes to Downtown Watsonville and Safe Routes for Watsonville School Families and Community will build critical bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in downtown Watsonville and provide bicycle and pedestrian safety training and education at schools and in the community. These two projects will dramatically improve the safety of children and families walking and biking in the heart of Watsonville, providing more equitable access to key services. In the city of Santa Cruz, the Swanton Delaware Multimodal Path and UCSC "SlugBikeLife" Bike Safety and Education Program Phase 2 will improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and access to important community destinations and provide necessary safety training to UCSC students, many of whom walk and bike to campus.

We humbly request that you adopt the staff recommendation and support these six valuable projects. Together, they will transform the active transportation landscape and dramatically increase the number and safety of people walking and biking in our community.

Sincerely,

Dena Loijos

Dena Loijos, MPH
Chief Strategy and Impact Officer



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November 21, 2022

Dear Commissioners,

This letter expresses the City of Capitola's gratitude for the Active Transportation Program staff recommendations that propose funding six essential projects in our community.

The *Safe Routes to Downtown Watsonville* and *Safe Routes for Watsonville School Families and Community* will build critical bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in downtown Watsonville and provide bicycle and pedestrian safety training and education at schools and in the community. These two projects will dramatically improve the safety of children and families walking and biking in the heart of Watsonville, providing more equitable access to key services. In the city of Santa Cruz, the *Swanton Delaware Multimodal Path* and *UCSC "SlugBikeLife" Bike Safety and Education Program Phase 2* will improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and access to important community destinations and provide necessary safety training to UCSC students, many of whom walk and bike to campus.

Finally, *Coastal Rail Trail Segments 8/9 and 10/11* will be transformational for our community. These two projects will construct over 6.3-miles of separated ADA-accessible bicycle/pedestrian path that will connect multiple low-income neighborhoods, 21 schools, 44 parks, 20 public beaches, 3 community centers, and numerous affordable and senior housing projects. Segments 10/11 passes directly through the City of Capitola, linking many of our community's most important locations.

Our community is so thankful for this opportunity and cannot wait to bring these projects to life. We urge you to adopt the staff recommendation and support these six valuable projects. Together, they will transform the active transportation landscape and dramatically increase the number and safety of people walking and biking in our community.

Sincerely,

Jessica Kahn
Public Works Director
City of Capitola



County of Santa Cruz

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November 22, 2022

Executive Director Mitch Weiss
California Transportation Commission
1120 N. Street, MS-52
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RE: Support for the Active Transportation Program staff recommendations for projects in Santa Cruz County

Dear Director Weiss and CTC Commissioners,

As a Supervisor of the Fourth District of the County of Santa Cruz, I want to express my appreciation and full support for the Active Transportation Program staff recommendations that propose funding six essential projects in Santa Cruz County.

The Safe Routes to Downtown Watsonville and Safe Routes for Watsonville School Families and Community. I especially support these projects as I am a resident of Watsonville. These will build critical bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in downtown Watsonville and provide bicycle and pedestrian safety training and education at schools and in the community. These two projects will dramatically improve the safety of children and families walking and biking in the heart of Watsonville, providing more equitable access to key services.

Coastal Rail Trail Segments 8 and 9 and Segments 10 and 11 will construct a separated and ADA-accessible bicycle/pedestrian path extending 6.3 miles from Pacific Ave in Santa Cruz to State Park Drive in Seacliff.

In the city of Santa Cruz, the *Swanton Delaware Multimodal Path* and *UCSC "SlugBikeLife" Bike Safety and Education Program Phase 2* will improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and access to important community destinations and provide

necessary safety training to UCSC students, many of whom walk and bike to campus.

Please adopt the staff recommendation and support these six valuable projects. Together, they will transform the active transportation landscape and dramatically increase the number and safety of people walking and biking in our community. They will also help with local, regional, state, and federal climate action and resiliency goals and increase mobility, reduce congestion, and enhance the quality of life for residents, students, and visitors.

Sincerely,

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GREG CAPUT, Supervisor
Fourth District

November 22, 2022

California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street MS 52
Sacramento, CA 95814
Dear Commissioners,

As a long-time Watsonville resident, planning commissioner for the City of Watsonville, and former teacher in the Pajaro Valley Unified School District, I want to express my appreciation and full support for the Active Transportation Program staff recommendations that propose funding for six essential projects in Santa Cruz County.

Living in Watsonville, I understand, and wholeheartedly support, the powerful transformative aspect that these ATP grants provide for our residents. The **“Safe Routes for Watsonville Schools, Families and Community”** and the **“Safe Routes to Downtown Watsonville”** projects have the potential to transform Watsonville to being a safer city for active transport. These projects will build critical bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in downtown Watsonville, and provide bicycle and pedestrian safety training and education at schools and in the community. Implementing these two projects will dramatically improve the safety for children and families walking and biking in the heart of Watsonville, providing more equitable access to key services.

Approving funding for the ATP projects in Santa Cruz County will be the beginning of a transformative bicycle and pedestrian network throughout the County. The **“Coastal Rail Trail Segments 8 and 9 and Segments 10 and 11”** project will construct a separated, ADA-accessible bicycle/pedestrian path extending 6.3 miles from Pacific Ave in Santa Cruz to State Park Drive in Seacliff Beach, as well as connect several communities along the coast with a robust active transportation route.. In the city of Santa Cruz, the **“Swanton Delaware Multimodal Path and UCSC SlugBikeLife Bike Safety and Education Program Phase 2”** will not only improve bicycle and pedestrian safety, but will provide access to important community destinations and provide necessary safety training to UCSC students, many of whom walk and bike to campus.

I urge you to please adopt the staff recommendation and support these six valuable projects. Together, they will transform the active transportation landscape and dramatically increase the number and safety of people walking and biking in our Santa Cruz County community.

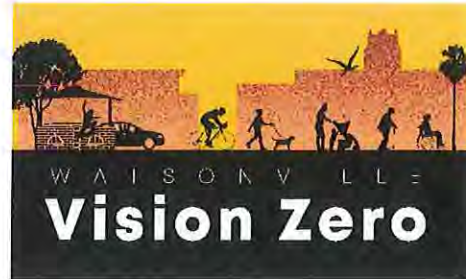
Sincerely,



Anna Kammer
Watsonville Planning Commissioner, 5th Council District
11 Rosewood Drive, Watsonville, CA 95076

November 21, 2022

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Dear Commissioners,

As a member of the Watsonville Vision Zero Task Force, I want to express my appreciation and full support for the Active Transportation Program staff recommendations that propose funding six essential projects in Santa Cruz County.

The Safe Routes to Downtown Watsonville and Safe Routes for Watsonville School Families and Community. These two projects will build critical bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in downtown Watsonville and provide bicycle and pedestrian safety training and education at schools and in the community. These two projects will dramatically improve the safety of children and families walking and biking in the heart of Watsonville, providing more equitable access to key services.

Coastal Rail Trail Segments 8 and 9 and Segments 10 and 11 will construct a separated and ADA-accessible bicycle/pedestrian path extending 6.3 miles from Pacific Ave in Santa Cruz to State Park Drive in Seacliff.

In the city of Santa Cruz, the *Swanton Delaware Multimodal Path* and *UCSC "SlugBikeLife" Bike Safety and Education Program Phase 2* will improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and access to important community destinations and provide necessary safety training to UCSC students, many of whom walk and bike to campus.

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Yours Truly,

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Murray Fontes, member
Watsonville Vision Zero Task Force



City of Watsonville

"A Community of Opportunities"

November 21, 2022

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Dear Commissioners,

As Mayor of the City of Watsonville, I want to express my appreciation and full support for the Active Transportation Program staff recommendations that propose funding six essential projects in Santa Cruz County.


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Sincerely,

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Ari Parker, Mayor
City of Watsonville



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November 21, 2022

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Dear Commissioners,

As the Parks and Community Services Director for the City of Watsonville, I want to express my appreciation and full support for the Active Transportation Program staff recommendations that propose funding six essential projects in Santa Cruz County.


The Safe Routes to Downtown Watsonville and Safe Routes for Watsonville School Families and Community. I especially support these projects as I work in Watsonville. These will build critical bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in downtown Watsonville and provide bicycle and pedestrian safety training and education at schools and in the community. These two projects will dramatically improve the safety of children and families walking and biking in the heart of Watsonville, providing more equitable access to key services.

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Nick Calubaquib

Parks and Community Services Director
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Central Coast Coalition
Moving California's Economy

November 28, 2022

Mr. Mitch Weiss
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Executive Director Weiss and Members of the California Transportation Commission:

The Central Coast Coalition supports the California Transportation Commission (CTC) staff recommendations for Cycle 6 the Active Transportation Program. The Active Transportation Program is a valuable asset to increase safety and mobility of non-motorized users. Projects recommended for funding from the Active Transportation Program will help increase walking and bicycling and improve safety in Disadvantaged Communities on the Central Coast. There are also transformative projects recommended for funding that will help close gaps on the California Coastal Trail. The Coalition was a strong advocate of the augmentation of the additional \$1 billion that was added to Cycle 6 of the Active Transportation Program. The Coalition greatly appreciates the Commission's support in helping fund these critical projects.

Once again, we strongly support the CTC staff recommendations for Cycle 6 and urge the Commission to consider funding for these critical projects. Thank you for accepting our support for the Cycle 6 Active Transportation staff recommendations.

If you have any questions, please contact SBCAG Director of Programming, Sarkes Khachek at (805) 961-8913.

Sincerely,

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Marjie Kirn, Executive Director
Santa Barbara County Association of
Governments

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Pete Rodgers, Executive Director
San Luis Obispo Council of Governments

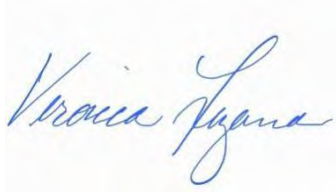
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Todd Muck, Executive Director
Transportation Agency for Monterey County

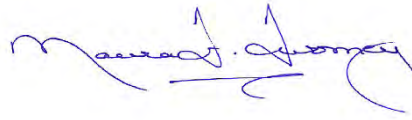
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Guy Preston, Executive Director
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation
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Letter to California Transportation Commission
November 28, 2022



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Maura Twomey, Executive Director
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November 23, 2022

Dear Commissioners,

This letter expresses Equity Transit's gratitude for the Active Transportation Program staff recommendations that propose funding six essential projects in our community.

Funding these six projects will provide safe equitable environmentally wise active transportation options throughout the county for children to get to school and after school programs. It will allow community members to get to work and access parks, shopping, and services, safely, without having to drive a car, and will encourage many of the tourists that visit us to bike as an alternative to driving from one community center to another.

Our community has seen an ongoing increase in traffic violence over the past 2 years, even after a 45% increase in the ten years prior! Our community has had the highest rates of pedestrian and cyclist deaths and severe injuries in the entire state! The *Safe Routes to Downtown Watsonville* and *Safe Routes for Watsonville School Families and Community* will build critical bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in downtown Watsonville and provide bicycle and pedestrian safety training and education at schools and in the community. These two projects will dramatically improve the safety of children and families walking and biking in the heart of Watsonville, providing more equitable access to key services. In the city of Santa Cruz, the *Swanton Delaware Multimodal Path* and UCSC "*SlugBikeLife*" *Bike Safety and Education Program Phase 2* will improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and access to important community destinations and provide necessary safety training to UCSC students, many of whom walk and bike to campus.

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Our community is so thankful for this opportunity and cannot wait to bring these projects to life. We urge you to adopt the staff recommendation and support these six valuable projects. Together, they will transform the active transportation landscape and dramatically increase the number and safety of people walking and biking in our community.

Sincerely,

Lani Faulkner, Director



Commissioners
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street MS 52
Sacramento, CA 95814

November 28, 2022

Dear Commissioners,

Ecology Action has a long history of working with partners throughout the Central Coast to help actualize mode shift and greenhouse gas emissions reduction through non-infrastructure programming and robust transportation planning. We are so proud of our partners recent Active Transportation Program Cycle 6 submissions and want to convey our deepest gratitude for staff recommendations for Cycle 6 projects in our community. Indeed, the diversity of project recommendations throughout the state is testament to the vital mission of the Active Transportation Program and the hard work of CTC staff.

In our region, the *Coastal Rail Trail Segments 8 and 9 and Segments 10 and 11* in particular will be transformational for the entire County and beyond. These two projects will construct over 6.3-miles of separated ADA-accessible bicycle/pedestrian path extending from Pacific Ave in Santa Cruz to State Park Drive in Seacliff—a landmark project that will benefit our region and our 267,792 residents for decades to come.

The *Safe Routes to Downtown Watsonville* and *Safe Routes for Watsonville School Families and Community* will build critical bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in downtown Watsonville and provide bicycle and pedestrian safety training and education at schools and throughout the community. These two projects will dramatically improve the safety of residents in this historically disadvantaged community with a high incident of collisions and mortality due to collisions. In the city of Santa Cruz, the *Swanton Delaware Multimodal Path* and UCSC "*SlugBikeLife*" *Bike Safety and Education Program Phase 2* will improve active transportation safety and access to important community destinations and provide necessary safety training to 18,940 University of California at Santa Cruz students and 3,600 staff, many of whom walk and bike to campus.

We humbly request that you adopt staff recommendations statewide, as collectively, projects will transform active transportation throughout California. We are grateful for the important mission of CTC and appreciate all of the hard work of staff and commissioners.

Sincerely,

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Jim Murphy
Executive Director
Ecology Action

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11/28/2022

Dear Commissioners,

This letter expresses Community Bridges' excitement and gratitude for the Active Transportation Program staff recommendations that propose funding six essential projects in our community. Providing access to resources is at the heart of the work Community Bridges do. Barriers to access takes many forms, one of which is access to transportation. The projects described in this letter will reduce barriers for families that have found it difficult to visit and attend programming at our Family Resource Collective centers.

Coastal Rail Trail Segments 8 and 9 and Segments 10 and 11 in particular will be transformational for our organization. These two projects will construct over 6.3-miles of separated ADA-accessible bicycle/pedestrian path extending from Pacific Ave in Santa Cruz to State Park Drive in Seacliff, providing our Community Bridges clients across all of mid-County safe access from their homes and schools to our Live Oak Community Resources Center, which is only 3 blocks from the future trail.

The Safe Routes to Downtown Watsonville and Safe Routes for Watsonville School Families and Community will build critical bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in downtown Watsonville and provide bicycle and pedestrian safety training and education at schools and in the community. These two projects will dramatically improve the safety of children and families walking and biking in the heart of Watsonville, providing more equitable access to key services such as Community Bridges' La Manzana Community Resources center.

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We humbly request that you adopt the staff recommendation and support these six valuable projects. Together, they will transform the active transportation landscape and dramatically increase the number and safety of people walking and biking in our community.

Sincerely,



Ray Cancino
Chief Executive Officer, Community Bridges



City of Watsonville

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November 29, 2022

California Transportation Commission
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