

May 20, 2004

Gregg Albright, Director
California Department of Transportation, District 5
50 Higuera Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-5415

RE: Wilder Bicycle Path Signs

Dear Mr. Albright:

I am writing on behalf of the Bicycle Committee of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission request that Caltrans erect signs on Highway 1 north of the City of Santa Cruz, between Western Drive and Wilder Ranch State Park directing cyclists to the parallel Wilder bicycle/pedestrian path.

The Bicycle Committee recommends that directional signs be placed in the southbound direction of Highway 1 directing cyclists to the Wilder path. In addition we recommend that signs be placed on the Wilder path informing cyclists whose end destination is not Wilder Ranch, that they must cross Highway 1 to the northbound shoulder either at the main entrance or the intersection of Coast Road and Highway 1.

Many recreational cyclists use Highway 1 to ride to Davenport and beyond, informing cyclists about using caution to cross Highway 1 and route them to the Wilder path where they remain separated from vehicle traffic would help to provide a safe environment for cyclists as is the intention of the path.

Thank you for considering our recommendation and for your continued diligence in maintaining safety and access for all road users.

Sincerely,

Kem Akol,
Chair, SCCRTC Bicycle Committee

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