

August 16, 2004

Mark Dettle, Director
City of Santa Cruz Public Works
809 Center Street, Room 201
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: Mission Street Extension K-Rails

Dear Director Dettle:

I am writing on behalf of the Bicycle Committee of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission to urge you to remove the K-rails on the Mission Street Extension bicycle path from Shaffer Road to Natural Bridges.

This path is a sidewalk which cyclists are allowed to ride in the eastbound direction. Currently K-rails are in place to separate vehicle traffic from bicycle traffic. These K-rails are a hard barrier posing a hazard to cyclists when entering the path from the Wilder Ranch Bicycle Path. In addition, the K-rails are an eyesore and give the impression that the path is not complete. We feel that if the K-rails are removed safety would increase since cyclists are already separated from vehicle traffic by the elevated sidewalk.

Thank you for your attention in this matter and we support your continued efforts to provide safe routes for cyclists and pedestrians.

Sincerely,

Kem Akol,
Chair, SCCRTC Bicycle Committee

Cc: SCCRTC

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