

February 24, 2005

Joe Hall, Assistant Director  
City of Santa Cruz Redevelopment Agency  
337 Locust Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: Tannery Arts Center Draft EIR

Dear Mr. Hall:

I am writing on behalf of the Bicycle Committee of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission. The Bicycle Committee appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Tannery Arts Center Draft EIR and would like to advocate for the inclusion of a pedestrian/bicycle path under the Highway 1 San Lorenzo River Bridge to continue the existing levee path along the proposed Tannery Arts Center Project property. The Bicycle Committee would like to see the bike/pedestrian underpass project included as a mitigation measure to the lower levels of service expected at two intersections as a result of the Tannery Arts Center.

The Bicycle Committee sees the development of a San Lorenzo River bicycle/pedestrian underpass as beneficial to the Santa Cruz community as a whole. The underpass would provide a critical bicycle and pedestrian link between downtown, the Tannery Arts Center, as well as the commercial, recreational and business activities at Harvey West Park. Additionally, the aesthetic attention given to the River Street gateway corridor would best be appreciated by bicycle and foot travel.

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

Sincerely,

Kem Akol,  
Chair, SCCRTC Bicycle Committee

cc: SCCRTC

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