

August 5, 2005

Susan Harris
City of Santa Cruz
Parks and Recreation Department
323 Church Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Re: Scope of Arana Gulch Park Master Plan EIR

Dear Ms. Harris,

I am writing on behalf of the Bicycle Committee of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the scope of the Environmental Impact Report for the Arana Gulch Park Master Plan. The Committee urges you to analyze in the EIR the extensive positive environmental effects this path will have on transportation and air quality. The Bicycle/Pedestrian Path Connection proposed in the Arana Gulch Park Master Plan will help fill a critical gap in the regional east-west bicycle and pedestrian network and will increase the ease and safety of bicycle and pedestrian trips for transportation purposes in and between our communities.

Providing a complete and convenient regional bicycle and pedestrian network increases the opportunity and attractiveness of bicycle and pedestrian trips for transportation purposes which can have positive, cumulative environmental impacts.

The Bicycle Committee encourages the Santa Cruz City Council, as RTC staff has done, to design the Bicycle/Pedestrian Path in a way that will minimize the environmental impacts of the project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions about the above comments, please contact Cory Caletti, RTC staff at (831) 460-3201.

Sincerely,

Daniel Kostelec
Chair, SCCRTC Bicycle Committee

cc: SCCRTC Bicycle Committee
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