

September 26, 2005

Mr. Mike Chrisman  
Secretary, Resources Agency  
The Resources Agency  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for City of Santa Cruz's River Parkways Program Grant Application  
San Lorenzo River Parkway Trail Connector Project

Dear Secretary Chrisman:

On behalf of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Santa Cruz County, I am writing to urge you to **approve River Parkways Program funds for the City of Santa Cruz's San Lorenzo River Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge project.**

Located adjacent to the heavily traveled State Route 1, this new bridge will provide safe access for bicyclists and pedestrians crossing the river, connecting commercial, industrial, educational, recreational and residential uses on both sides of the river. Many bicyclists and pedestrians use the State Route 1 Bridge to cross the river, even though such crossings are prohibited, because no safe alternative exists. This has resulted in many accidents and several bicycle and pedestrian fatalities.

In order to fill this critical gap in the region's bicycle/pedestrian network, the Regional Transportation Commission has committed over \$1.5 million in State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds to this project.

Please join us in providing financial support to this project. Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

Pat Dellin  
Executive Director

Cc: Brian Cash, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Resource Agency  
Mark Dettle, Santa Cruz Public Works Director

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