



Public Works Department
Traffic Engineering Division
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Santa Cruz CA,
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Attachment 2



Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
Ms. Rachel Moriconi
1523 Pacific Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95060-3911

Re: Transfer of funds from West Cliff Path Widening project to the Soquel Avenue Bike Lanes and San Lorenzo River Bike/Pedestrian Bridge.

Dear Commissioners,

On Tuesday, February 14, the Santa Cruz City Council unanimously approved staffs request to transfer the West Cliff Drive Path Widening funds to 2 other high priority bike and pedestrian projects in the City. City staff had been advised that the funds for the West Cliff Drive project would be lapsing due to the federal "use it or lose" provisions. For many reasons, the City would not be able to widen the path as previously sought within the next 2-3 years, and so is at risk for losing the funding.

As such the City of Santa Cruz hereby requests that the SCCRTC amend the RTIP to shift \$300,000 in RSTP funds from the West Cliff Drive Bike/Pedestrian project to the Soquel Avenue Bike Lanes and Pedestrian Improvements project and \$445,914 in funds (\$298, 000 TEA, \$80,000 RSTP and \$67,914 TDA) to the San Lorenzo River Bike/Pedestrian Bridge project. We understand due to restrictions related to the use of the \$298,000 in regional TEA funds, those funds will need to be funneled through the Beach Street Bike Path project. \$298,000 in CMAQ funds currently programmed to Beach Street would then be programmed to the San Lorenzo River Bridge project.

The Soquel Avenue Bike Lanes project is currently being designed and funds for construction will be obligated this summer. The additional funds will be used to pave areas of the bike lane and provide for pedestrian flashing beacons at 2 non-signalized crossings.

The San Lorenzo River Bike/Pedestrian Bridge environmental review has been certified and the design is underway. The funds requested will assist with completing the construction funding for this project.

Please contact me at 420-5422 if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

Christophe J. Schneider
Assistant Director/City Engineer