

February 21, 2008

Jack Sohriakoff  
County of Santa Cruz Public Works Department  
701 Ocean Street, Room 410  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**RE: Highway 9 Bicycle Safety Improvement Project in Bicycle Plan**

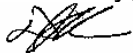
Dear Mr. Sohriakoff:

I am writing on behalf of the Bicycle Committee of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission to request that you include a Highway 9 bicycle/pedestrian safety project in the County's Bicycle Plan. At a recent meeting, Bicycle Committee members received a presentation on bicycle and pedestrian safety concerns on Highway 9 from South Felton to North Boulder Creek and also along the entire stretch of Highway 9. Encouraging increased bicycle use for commuting purposes is a major goal of the RTC and members were made aware of the safety concerns reported by bicyclists and pedestrians using the corridor. Highway 9 is a critical passage way for bicycle commuters living or working in the San Lorenzo Valley and traveling to the City of Santa Cruz.

Bicycle Committee members overwhelmingly supported urging the County of Santa Cruz to include a bike/pedestrian project for the entire stretch of Highway 9 but also specifically for a Highway 9 from South Felton to North Boulder Creek segment in the County's Bicycle Plan. As you know, projects included in local jurisdictions' Bicycle Plans become eligible for Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) funding.

The members and alternates of the Bicycle Committee thank you for your consideration of this recommendation and for your efforts to improve bicycle transportation and mobility needs in our county.

Sincerely,



Daniel Kostelec  
Chair, SCCRTC Bicycle Committee

cc: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Bicycle Committee  
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission  
John Golder and William Le Bon