

The proposed improvements will significantly improve bicyclist visibility and raise motorist awareness of bicyclists passing through the interchange with the goal of eliminating collisions that have occurred here in the past. The San Mateo County (BPAC) strongly encourages that the C/CAG BPAC provide favorable consideration of this worthy project.

Respectfully,



Susan Doherty, Chair
San Mateo County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory
Committee (C/CAG BPAC)
555 County Center, 4th Floor
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RE: TDA Article 3 Application for Sand Hill Road/Interstate 280 Interchange Bike Lane Improvements

Dear Members of the C/CAG BPAC:

The San Mateo County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) strongly supports San Mateo County's TDA Article 3 grant application for the extension of the existing Sand Hill Road green bike lanes. Extending the green bike lanes past the existing painted conflict zones will greatly improve safety where bicyclists must pass vehicular traffic from the Interstate 280 (I-280) on and off ramps. The project area is identified as a high traffic stress facility for bicyclists (LTS 4) in both the C/CAG Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and the Caltrans District 4 Bike Plan. It is also part of an extremely popular cycling route that is part of the nationally known Portola "loop". This route is frequented by both recreational bicyclists on rides up to Skyline Boulevard and the coast beyond, and by commuters from Portola and Woodside riding to employment centers, including major venture capital firms on the west side of I-280 and Stanford University on the east side of I-280.

San Mateo County and Caltrans have received feedback from many bicyclists citing safety concerns and requesting improvements through the interchange over the past decade. In 2013, The Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC) brought together a team of stakeholders from County departments (Health, Public Works, Planning), law enforcement, Stanford University Health and Trauma Center, and surrounding cities, referred to as the Roadway Safety Solutions Team (RSST), to identify problem areas and safety issues for bicyclists, and propose corresponding solutions. The RSST's efforts led to the installation of the existing green bike lanes on the overpasses in the westbound direction and a portion of the eastbound direction of Sand Hill Road above I-280.

The County now has 100 percent design plans and encroachment permit from Caltrans to complete the project and install green bike lanes and dashed green striping at conflict zones:

- In the eastbound direction, west of Lawler Ranch Road through the interchange into Menlo Park, and
- In the westbound direction extending the existing green bike lane several hundred feet with another several hundred feet of dashed green bike lane in the conflict zone with the I-280 southbound on-ramp.

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