

**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN
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Ann Stillman
Director
County of San Mateo Department of Public Works
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Redwood City, CA 94063

RE: North Fair Oaks Community Connections Project Application for the C/CAG
Lifeline Transportation Program Call for Projects

Dear Ms. Stillman:

The San Mateo County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is pleased to support the County of San Mateo's North Fair Oaks Community Connections Project (Project) grant application for the C/CAG Lifeline Transportation Program Call for Projects.

This Project will help build-out safety and access improvements within the neighborhoods on both sides of the Caltrain tracks that are part of the active transportation network identified in the North Fair Oaks Bicycle and Pedestrian Railroad Crossing and Community Connections Study (NFO Study), and are consistent with the 2021 Unincorporated San Mateo County Active Transportation Plan (SMC ATP), the 2011 North Fair Oaks Community Plan and the 2023 Southeast San Mateo County Community Based Transportation Plan. This Project will build upon the active transportation improvements to be implemented through an Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities funding award for the 179-unit Middlefield Junction affordable housing project within the NFO Study area. The Project will also further enhance multi-modal facilities and close gaps in the greater North Fair Oaks area and beyond by leveraging the County's Middlefield Road Improvement Project and a Caltrans SHOPP project to provide bicycle and pedestrian improvements on El Camino Real that are part of the surrounding regional active transportation network.

The Project's proposed improvements include striping and signing for SMC ATP-designated bicycle boulevards, high visibility crosswalks, accessible ADA curb ramps and bulb-outs at numerous intersections. In addition to the safety benefits from these improvements, access to local destinations will be enhanced to places that include the St. Francis Center, Siena Youth Center and commercial centers on El Camino Real, Friendship Park, the Middlefield Road central business district, the Fair Oaks

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Community Center and Library, Summit Everest Public High School, and bus stops with links to regional and local bus service. The SMC ATP identifies North Fair Oaks as an area with some of the greatest demand for walking and bicycling facilities. The community expressed strong support for these improvements through the NFO Study community as they especially benefit residents in the Project area, many of whom do not have access to cars.

The San Mateo County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee highly recommends funding for the County of San Mateo's North Fair Oaks Community Connections Project. We look forward to additional traffic calming improvements that could be made when additional funding is available.

Sincerely,



Elaine Salinger, Chair
San Mateo County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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