



MARIN COUNTY BICYCLE COALITION

February 12, 2018

Board of Commissioners  
Transportation Authority of Marin  
900 Fifth Ave #100  
San Rafael, CA 94901

RE: North-South Greenway Gap Closure Project - Request the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Allocate Funding to the San Rafael Multi-Use Path via TAM

Dear Commissioners:

Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC) is pleased to support staff's request for the reallocation of funds to move forward with the 2nd to Andersen multi-use pathway (MUP). The pathway is one of MCBC's highest organizational priorities, as it will close a key gap in the North-South Greenway, enabling people of all ages and abilities to walk and bike comfortably between Downtown San Rafael and Larkspur.

This project faced numerous hurdles over the past few years, with the City of San Rafael working on an accelerated timeline to deliver environmental clearance and design prior to SMART's Larkspur extension. MCBC is grateful to the City's Council, staff, and consultants for their diligent work enabling pathway progress. We would also like to recognize the County of Marin for funding the MUP's feasibility study, TAM for continuing to search for and find creative funding opportunities, and SMART for working in good faith and agreeing to build the project alongside its rail extension.

While the decision to reallocate funds from another project is less than ideal, we recognize that it is essential for the project to move forward concurrently with SMART's Larkspur extension to keep construction costs low. Given the timing and funding constraints, we fully support the transfer of funds.

MCBC would like to reiterate our full support for the implementation of the North-South Greenway Gap Closure's southern segment, which we hope will be delivered on its intended timeline. In addition to the conditions outlined in the staff report, we ask that TAM 1) prioritize the southern segment for upcoming active transportation funding opportunities and 2) seek Caltrans' assistance to fund the northern segment shortfall, rather than pulling additional funds away from the southern segment. MCBC will be happy to support efforts in any way we can.

MCBC urges the Board of Commissioners to recognize the 2nd to Andersen MUP's importance to the region and local community by requesting the reallocation of the funds needed to make this pathway a reality.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Elias". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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