



DEPARTMENT OF PLANS & PUBLIC WORKS

November 16, 2017

Michael Zeller
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RE: Request to Submit a Nominating Application for the SB 1 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program on Behalf of the City of Monterey

Dear Mr. Zeller,

I am writing to request the Transportation Agency for Monterey County submit a nominating application for the SB 1 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program on behalf of the City of Monterey. Applications are due February 16, 2018.

The nominating project is the Recreational Trail / Lighthouse Curve Improvements project. This project involves adding a separate pedestrian path to the existing Recreational Trail from Wharf I to the Coast Guard Pier. This is anticipated to reduce user density on the trail and provide more room for passing. This project also involves adding bicycle and pedestrian connections to Lighthouse Curve between Wharf I and the Coast Guard Pier. The project is pinpointed at this segment of the trail to provide a better commute alternative to the congested Lighthouse Avenue which experiences an ADT of 55,000. This is anticipated to support the City's Active Transportation / Demand Management Program by accommodating more users on the Rec Trail and providing a better commute alternative to Lighthouse Avenue. The Recreational Trail is not only frequently used by City residents but also serves the whole Monterey Bay region; it is used for exercise, commuting, and for enjoying views along the waterfront. As such, this project enhances a regional active transportation corridor.

This project is included in the City's Multi-Modal Mobility Plan master project list (Appendix A) as well as the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Regional Transportation Plan for Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties Environmental Impact Report project list (Appendix B).

The project is ranked high in priority, including improvements addressing safety, connectivity, access, and readiness. Facilities directly served by this improvement project include commercial employment areas, schools/colleges, public facilities and multi-family residential areas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrea Renny', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andrea Renny
Senior Civil Engineer