



State of California  
Department of Transportation  
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Dear ATP Grant Selection Committee,

Santa Cruz County Greenway was formed in 2016 to advocate for a wide multi-use trail on the old Santa Cruz Branch line that would support active transportation as well as leisure activities. The Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10 and 11 are critical to providing a safe, car-free space for people on wheels and walking.

This letter confirms the Santa Cruz County Greenway strong support for the County of Santa Cruz's Active Transportation Program application for *Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10 and 11*. This important project will construct over 4.5-miles of separated ADA-accessible bicycle/pedestrian path extending from 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Live Oak to State Park Drive in the Seacliff neighborhood transforming active transportation use in our County.

These two segments of the Coastal Rail Trail connect to 10 schools, 18 parks, 13 public beaches, 3 community centers, and multiple residential neighborhoods and commercial areas through some of the densest portions of Santa Cruz County. The 10-year plus extensive community engagement process has laid the foundation for the installation of this landmark project. Multiple segments have been constructed and this complex multi-jurisdictional effort is keenly focused on completing the entire 32-mile separated trail. Santa Cruz County Greenway strongly supports this project that will fundamentally change active transportation in our region.

We urge the support of this transformative project. *Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10 and 11* will help to create a connected, separated active transportation corridor in our County. It will shift transportation behavior by providing safe and appealing infrastructure that everyone from schoolchildren to seniors will feel comfortable using and will dramatically increase active transportation in Santa Cruz County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Will Mayall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "W" and "M" being prominent.

Will Mayall  
Santa Cruz County Greenway