

Save Our Trails!



Promoting trails in Santa Clara County for the benefit and enjoyment of all

May 19, 2012

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
Santa Clara County Government Center
70 West Hedding Street
San Jose, CA 95110

Subject: Support for item #10 on the Agenda of Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Dear Members of the Board:

Save Our Trails: Connecting Santa Clara County Communities is a California Not-for-Profit Corporation whose mission is *"To promote trails in Santa Clara County for the benefit and enjoyment of all people."*

Save Our Trails strongly supports the allocation of the Stanford University mitigation funds to the two projects proposed: (a) Dumbarton Link to the Bay Trail, and (b) Adobe Creek Bridge over Highway 101.

The first project, "Dumbarton Link to the Bay Trail", will close a gap in the Bay Trail and will result in a continuous off-street trail all the way from the Dumbarton Bridge to Alviso. This project will make it possible for cyclists from Santa Clara County to use the trail system to travel along the bay and to continue directly onto the separated bike lane on the Dumbarton Bridge, all the way to the San Francisco National Wildlife Refuge at Coyote Hills. This improvement, along with the recently completed trail on the bay side of Moffett Field, will fulfill a generation-long dream of completing this long segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail.

The second project, "Adobe Creek Bridge over Highway 101", will provide a sensible alternative to the tunnel that is now in use by thousands of people – pedestrians as well as cyclists -- seeking access to the recreational opportunities of the Palo Alto Baylands. This tunnel is closed during the rainy season because of flooding, and the closest alternative crossing on San Antonio Road is intimidating for even the most intrepid citizen. A pedestrian bridge will make the Baylands accessible to residents of Palo Alto and Mountain View without having to drive, thereby reducing traffic and pollution.

Both projects are outstanding uses of the Stanford mitigation funds. **Save our Trails** urges the Board of Supervisors to approve this mitigation measure as proposed.

Sincerely yours,
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