

Save Our Trails!



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

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Department of Transportation
State of California

Sent via email

SUBJECT: Active Transportation Program - Support for a grant application for the Five Wounds Trail

To whom it may concern:

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.”* On behalf of **Save Our Trails**, I am writing to express our support for the grant application of the Active Transportation Program of the City of San Jose for the Five Wounds Trail.

The grant would support the development of a route to link the Five Wounds Trail, which is currently being planned, to two future BART stations in northern San Jose. One of these stations, the Berryessa/North San Jose Station, is scheduled to be opened as early as next year.

Having trails that provide off-street access to these important transportation hubs for pedestrians, cyclists, and -- now most recently -- electric scooter users, is essential to help San Jose meet its goal of reducing vehicular traffic. In addition, it goes without saying, trails are tremendous assets in providing recreational opportunities close to home. The Five Wounds Trail is especially significant in that respect because of its path through densely populated residential neighborhoods. **Save Our Trails** therefore urges the Department to help this important mission by awarding a grant for this project.

Sincerely,

Bill Rankin
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