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Janet McBride, Project Manager
San Francisco Bay Trail
Association of Bay Area Governments
P.O. Box 2050
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RE: San Francisco Bay Trail
City of Martinez Grant Application

Dear Janet:

Pat O'Brien
General Manager

I am writing to support the application by the City of Martinez for grant funding to help complete a critical spine segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail from Nejedly Staging Area in Carquinez Regional Shoreline to the Granger's Wharf Staging Area at Martinez Regional Shoreline.

The City of Martinez and the Union Pacific Railroad are working cooperatively with East Bay Regional Park District to link two major destination points along the Bay Trail and create a connection to the new Martinez Intermodal Station and the downtown area. The project involves a trail parallel to the Union Pacific rail line, the construction of a new bridge over Alhambra Creek to access Martinez Regional Shoreline, and a linkage to Carquinez Scenic Drive, which will be a major segment of the Bay Trail when complete. There is substantial matching funding for several of the project components and the Union Pacific is providing the right of way required on their property.

The completion of this challenging but critical segment of the Bay Trail is made possible at this time by activities associated with the Martinez Intermodal Project, the expansion of Union Pacific facilities in the area, and restoration of the Martinez Shoreline as mitigation by Caltrans for the new Carquinez Bridge construction.

I encourage your consideration of this application for grant funds.

Yours truly,

Nancy Wenninger
Land Acquisition Manager
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