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Doug Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
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ATTN: Melanie Denninger

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in strong support of the request by the City of Fairfield for \$150,000 to rehabilitate McGary Road into a Class III Bike Route as part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

I carried the \$3 million earmark in TEALU for Bike Paths in the Cordelia Hills. This project is of prime importance in Solano County as it has been identified for many years as critical to support bicyclists, is the highest ranked project in the Solano Countywide Bicycle Plan, is located in the Cordelia Hills area and will connect bicyclists to proposed bike trails in this area, and is part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. It has been ten years since this connection between Vallejo and Fairfield was lost, and this grant will re-establish a critical bike/pedestrian link.

Currently the only options by bicycle between Fairfield and Vallejo are routes through either Benicia or Napa County on Highway 12 (which is dangerous), increasing the travel distance by ten to fifteen miles. McGary Road is the only parallel roadway to I-80 between the cities but it has been closed due to hazardous conditions created by a landslide. Recent projects by Caltrans have arrested the movement of the slide, providing the opportunity to reconstruct the damaged roadway and remove the hazardous conditions.

This Solano Bikeway Extension/McGary Road Class 3 Bike Route Project will remove the hazardous conditions, establish shoulders along the roadway to support non-motorized traffic, and re-establish a direct link between Fairfield and Vallejo. McGary Road will connect to and extend the Solano Bikeway from its current terminus in Vallejo to the City of Fairfield, giving cyclists a safe, direct route. This project is a vitally link in Solano County's regional bicycle network and I strongly urge your favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



George Miller

Member of Congress, 7th District, California

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Ellen O. Tauscher
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
10th District, California

July 10, 2008

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
Attn: Melanie Denninger
Coastal Conservancy
Office of Local Assistance
1130 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: City of Fairfield/Solano County Bicycle Transportation Account Application for the Solano Bikeway Extension/McGary Road Class 3 Bike Route Project

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I write today in support of the City of Fairfield and Solano County's joint Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) application for the Solano Bikeway Extension/McGary Road Class 3 Bike Route project. This is a critical project to support bicyclists in Solano County and is the highest ranked project in the Solano Countywide Bicycle Plan. It establishes a bicycle and pedestrian link between the cities of Fairfield and Vallejo that has been missing since 1998.

The only parallel roadway to I-80 between the cities of Fairfield and Vallejo is McGary Road, which has been closed for almost 10 years due to hazardous conditions created by a landslide. Recent projects by Caltrans have arrested the movement of the slide, providing the opportunity to reconstruct the damaged roadway and remove hazardous obstacles. This Solano Bikeway Extension/McGary Road Class 3 Bike Route project will restore essential safety conditions, establish shoulders along the roadway to support non-motorized traffic, and re-establish a direct link between Fairfield and Vallejo. McGary Road will connect to and extend the Solano Bikeway from its current terminus in Vallejo, to the City of Fairfield.

The Solano Bikeway Extension/McGary Road Class 3 Bike Route is an important link in Solano County's regional bicycle network. I request Caltrans to approve the BTA funding for this project.

Sincerely,

ELLEN O. TAUSCHER
Member of Congress, 10th CD

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August 20, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
13th Floor, 1330 Broadway
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Re: Support for grant request by the City of Fairfield and Solano County's Joint Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA)

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing this letter to strongly support the City of Fairfield and Solano County's joint Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) application for the Solano Bikeway Extension/McGary Road Class 3 Bike Route project. For many years, this project has been identified as a critical project to support bicyclists in Solano County and is the highest ranked project in the Solano Countywide Bicycle Plan. It establishes a bicycle and pedestrian link between the cities of Fairfield and Vallejo that has been missing since 1998.

Currently, for safe travel between Fairfield and Vallejo routes through Benicia or Napa County are required, increasing the travel distance by 10-15 miles. The only parallel roadway to I-80 between these two cities, McGary Road has been closed for almost 10 years due to hazardous conditions created by a landslide. Recent projects by Caltrans have arrested the movement of the slide, providing the opportunity to reconstruct the damaged roadway and remove the hazardous conditions. This Solano Bikeway Extension/McGary Road Class 3 Bike Route project will remove the hazardous conditions, establish shoulders along the roadway to support non-motorized traffic, and re-establish a direct link between Fairfield and Vallejo. McGary Road will connect to and extend the Solano Bikeway from its current terminus in Vallejo to the City of Fairfield.

I strongly support the City of Fairfield and Solano County's joint Bicycle Transportation Account application request for funding.

Sincerely

PATRICIA WIGGINS
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August 26, 2008

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RE: Letter of Support for Grant Funding for City of Fairfield Solano Bikeway Extension /
McGary Road Class III Bike Route Project

Dear Mr. Bosco,

This letter is written in support of the City of Fairfield's grant application for the Solano Bikeway Extension/McGary Road Class III Bike Route Project. Reconstructing and rehabilitating McGary Road, which has been disconnected since 1998, is vital to re-establishing mobility between Fairfield and Vallejo. The McGary Road connection is a high priority project in the Solano Countywide Bicycle Plan. The additional roadway width, with striping and signing for at least Class III bike lanes, will provide cyclists, pedestrians, and equestrians the ability to not only travel between the currently disconnected cities, but also create access to the recreational benefits of the open space parks and trails in Lynch Canyon and Sky Valley.

Currently, safe bicycle travel between Fairfield and Vallejo utilizes routes through Benicia or Napa County, which increases the travel distance by 10 – 15 miles. The only parallel roadway to I-80 between these two cities, McGary Road, has been closed for almost 10 years due to hazardous conditions created by a landslide. Recent projects by Caltrans have arrested the movement of the slide, providing the opportunity to reconstruct the damaged roadway and construct this important bicycle facility. This Solano Bikeway Extension/McGary Road Class III Bike Route project will remove the hazardous conditions and establish shoulders along the roadway to support non-motorized traffic. Ultimately, the project will re-establish a faster, safer, and more direct link between the cities of Fairfield and Vallejo.

I strongly encourage the Coastal Conservancy/Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to approve the grant funding request by the City Fairfield for this important project.

Sincerely,

LOIS WOLK,
Assemblywoman, District 8

Cc: Gene S. Cortright, City of Fairfield, Public Works Director
Thanh Vuong, City of Fairfield Associate Civil Engineer
Paul Wiese, Solano County Engineering Manager (675 Texas Street, Suite 5500,
Fairfield, CA 94533)
Daryl Halls, Executive Director, Solano Transportation Authority (One Harbor Center,
Suite 130, Suisun City, CA 94585)

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Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1130 Broadway, 13th Floor
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**RE: Support for City of Fairfield/Solano County Bicycle Transportation Account
Application for the Solano Bikeway Extension/McGary Road Class 3 Bike Route Project**

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to convey the Solano Transportation Authority's support for the County of Solano and City of Fairfield's Bay Area Ridge Trail Council grant application for the Solano Bikeway Extension/McGary Road Class 3 Bike Route project. For many years, this project has been identified as a critical project to support bicyclists in Solano County and is the highest priority project identified in the STA's Solano Countywide Bicycle Plan.

Currently, safe bicycle travel between Fairfield and Vallejo utilizes routes through Benicia or Napa County, which increases the travel distance by 10 – 15 miles. The only parallel roadway to I-80 between these two cities, McGary Road, has been closed for almost 10 years due to hazardous conditions created by a landslide. Recent projects by Caltrans have arrested the movement of the slide, providing the opportunity to reconstruct the damaged roadway and construct this important bicycle facility. This Solano Bikeway Extension/McGary Road Class 3 Bike Route project will remove the hazardous conditions and establish shoulders along the roadway to support non-motorized traffic. Ultimately, the project will re-establish a faster, safer, and more direct link between the cities of Fairfield and Vallejo.

The Solano Bikeway Extension/McGary Road Class 3 Bike Route is an important link in Solano County and the Bay Area's regional bicycle network. We request the Coastal Conservancy to approve the City of Fairfield's Bay Area Ridge Trail Council grant application for the funding for this critical project.

Sincerely,

Daryl Halls
STA Executive Director

Cc: STA Board members
Mayor and City Council, City of Fairfield
Gene Cortright, City of Fairfield Public Works Director
Thanh Vuong, City of Fairfield Associate Civil Engineer
Solano County Board of Supervisors
Paul Wiese, Solano County Engineering Manager
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July 31, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
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Re: Letter of Support for Grant Funding
City of Fairfield Solano Bikeway Extension/McGary Road Class III Bike Route Project

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This letter is written in support of the City of Fairfield's grant application for the Solano Bikeway Extension/McGary Road Class III Bike Route. Reconstructing and rehabilitating McGary Road, which has been disconnected since 1998, is vital to re-establishing mobility between Fairfield and Vallejo. The McGary Road connection is a high priority project in the Solano Countywide Bicycle Plan. The additional roadway width, with striping and signing for at least Class III bike lanes, will provide cyclists, pedestrians, and equestrians the ability to not only travel between the currently disconnected cities, but also create access to the recreational benefits of the open space parks and trails in Lynch Canyon and Sky Valley.

Solano County strongly urges the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council approve the grant funding request by the City of Fairfield for this important project. Please call me at (707) 784-6072 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Paul Wiese
Engineering Manager

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July 9, 2008

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Attn: Melanie Denninger

SUBJECT: City of Fairfield's Bay Area Ridge Trail Council Grant Application for the Solano Bikeway Extension/McGary Road Class III Bike Route Project

Dear Mr. Bosco:

This letter is written on behalf of the City of Vallejo, in support of the City of Fairfield's application for the Solano Bikeway Extension/McGary Road Class III Bike Route project. For several years, this project has been the highest ranking project in the Solano Countywide Bicycle Plan and has been identified as a critical project to support bicyclists in Solano County. It establishes a much needed link for bicyclists and pedestrians between the cities of Fairfield and Vallejo that has been missing since 1998.

Currently, in order for bicyclists to safely travel between Fairfield and Vallejo, they must take routes through Benicia or Napa County, increasing the travel distance by 10 to 15 miles. The only parallel roadway to I-80 between these two cities is McGary Road, which has been closed for 10 years due to hazardous conditions created by a landslide. Recent projects by Caltrans have arrested the movement of the slide, providing the opportunity to reconstruct the damaged roadway and remove the hazardous conditions. This Solano Bikeway Extension/McGary Road Class III Bike Route project will remove the hazardous conditions, establish shoulders along the roadway to support non-motorized traffic, and re-establish a direct link between Fairfield and Vallejo. McGary Road will connect to and extend the Solano Bikeway from its current terminus in Vallejo to the City of Fairfield.

The Solano Bikeway Extension/McGary Road Class III Bike Route is a vitally important link in Solano County's regional bicycle network. The City of Vallejo strongly urges the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to approve the additional funding required for this critical project.

Sincerely,

GARY A. LEACH
Public Works Director

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cc: Mike Duncan, Fairfield Public Works Department
Paul Wiese, Solano County Transportation Department
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