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California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: City of San Clemente Pedestrian Beach Trail Extension Coastal  
Conservancy Application

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

On behalf of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), I am writing to express support for the City of San Clemente's (City) Pedestrian Beach Trail extension project (Project) from Calafia Beach to the City's state park access, and the City's request for design funds for the important coastal project. The OCTA has been an active partner with the City in the development and implementation of the existing Project. The City is seeking conservancy funds for the Project's design efforts. These funds will enable the City to be well positioned to apply for construction funds in spring 2015.

The Project will preserve, protect and restore the resources of the California coast by extending the Project, which serves as a model for the State of California and the Country on how to balance competing transportation, recreation and natural resource preservation requirements. This extension to the Project will improve safety and add another piece to the California Coastal Trail. By providing both access and trail improvements, the Project dramatically improves public safety and access along the City's coast, preserve important natural resources, and provide a vital link to the California Coastal Trail.

On behalf of OCTA, I encourage the Coastal Conservancy to provide funds for the Project which will enhance safety and the quality of the coast. If you have any questions, please contact me directly at (714) 560-5462.

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. Bergener  
Director, Rail Programs & Facilities Engineering

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