



Dec. 4, 2018

Mr. James Corless  
Executive Director  
Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)  
1415 L Street, Suite 300  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: South Land Park Neighborhood Association Supports Staff Recommendation of Funding for the Del Rio Trail**

Dear Mr. Corless:

The South Land Park Neighborhood Association (SLPNA) is a nonprofit association representing an area that includes approximately 14,000 residents in South Sacramento. Ninety percent (90%) of the proposed Del Rio Trail lies within the boundaries of our association. SLPNA submits this letter in **support** of the funding recommendation for the Del Rio Trail Project by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) staff.

SLPNA conducted a poll in our area in 2015. Approximately 83% of respondents supported the Project. The Project will beautify and re-use an abandoned rail corridor. It will create a Class 1 bicycle route into downtown for several neighborhoods and offer expanded recreational opportunities for both the local neighborhood and all users of the region's trail system. The City has done extensive outreach and several changes have been made to respond to various concerns, including a complete re-design for the purpose of railroad track preservation.

SLPNA previously prepared a letter explaining our perspective of the Project's benefits to the City of Sacramento (attached). Our perspective has not changed. SLPNA believes the Del Rio Trail Project will provide benefits that extend well beyond our neighborhood, and will come to be seen as an indispensable part of our region's Class 1 trail network. We would like to draw attention to two recent events, one positive and one negative. In August 2018, the San Francisco Chronicle ran an article promoting bicycle tourism in

Sacramento ( [www.sfchronicle.com/travel/article/On-a-Roll-Ditch-the-car-and-explore-Sacramento-13178241.php](http://www.sfchronicle.com/travel/article/On-a-Roll-Ditch-the-car-and-explore-Sacramento-13178241.php) ). The Sacramento River Bike Trail was the very first example in the article. The Del Rio Trail would connect directly to that trail and extend it 4.5 miles.

In October, there was a fatal accident in which a bicyclist died. The accident occurred in the 7700 block of Freeport Boulevard, near where the Project plans an off-street Class 1 path. We are not familiar with the circumstances. Regardless, off-street bike paths help prevent such tragedies. The City of Sacramento is attempting to address these issues with the Vision Zero initiative. The Freeport Boulevard corridor is in need of attention. The Del Rio Trail Project will improve the situation on 2 miles of Freeport. In combination with the planned South Sacramento Parkway Trail West Project, the Del Rio Trail will create a safe Class 1 connection across Freeport to the Meadowview neighborhood near where the recent accident occurred.

In closing, let me repeat that the vast majority of our membership, and the entirety of our Board of Directors, supports SACOG staff recommendation of funding for the Del Rio Trail Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Ebbert", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

BRIAN EBBERT  
President  
Board of Directors,  
South Land Park Neighborhood Association

Attachment: SLPNA June 2018 Support Letter for the Del Rio Trail  
cc: Mr. Jesse Gothan, City of Sacramento.