

August 25, 2022

Supervisor Don Horsley  
President, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
400 County Center  
Redwood City, CA  
94063

RE: EL CAMINO REAL COMPLETE STREETS GAP CLOSURE PROJECT

Dear Supervisor Horsley:

The North Fair Oaks Community Council voted on August 25, 2022 to ask the Board of Supervisors to support the Town of Atherton's El Camino Real Complete Streets Gap Closure application for the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA) Bike and Pedestrian Program/Call for Projects. This project would effectively address a 1.5-mile active transportation gap along El Camino Real (ECR) that currently exists within the Town of Atherton and is needed to effectively connect the communities of Redwood City, North Fair Oaks, Atherton, and Menlo Park.

Funding for this project would provide residents with increased access to active modes of transportation and/or public transportation, all of which are consistent with the intent of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority's (TA) Bike and Pedestrian Program, City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) Grand Boulevard Initiative, Caltrans Bike and Pedestrian Plan, as well as Reimagine SamTrans.

The project envisions repurposing a portion of ECR by dedicating one lane of ECR in each direction in order to construct needed pedestrian facilities, Class I bike trails, improve access to SamTrans bus stops, all of which will greatly enhance the level of safety for all users along this segment of ECR.

This project would also further complement parallel active transportation investments currently being made in three adjacent jurisdictions. This includes Redwood City's bike/ped improvements on El Camino to Selby Lane, which is currently funded by CalTrans, the County's efforts to improve mobility in the North Fair Oaks neighborhood, and Menlo Park's Complete Streets program.

In closing, we again urge you to strongly support funding for this regional bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure priority.

Sincerely,

Brooks Esser  
Chair, North Fair Oaks Community Council