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House of Representatives
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Hector Barron, Director
Department of Public Works
City of Sacramento
915 I Street, Room 2000
Sacramento, CA 95814
Attention: Jesse Gothan, Supervising Engineer

RE: City of Sacramento 2018 SACOG Regional Program Support

Dear Mr. Barron:

I am writing in support of the City of Sacramento Department of Public Works' application for funding through the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) 2018 Regional Program grant program for the Del Rio Trail.

The Del Rio Trail, a proposed multi-use trail, extends 4.5 miles along the abandoned railway corridor west of Freeport Boulevard from south of Meadowview Road/Pocket Road to the Sacramento River Parkway north of Sutterville Road. Consisting of a paved bike trail together with an unpaved walking path, the trail will pass through neighborhoods that do not have sidewalks or bicycle facilities, providing a central link in accordance with the City's Bicycle Master Plan. The proposed trail will provide potential recreation amenities, access to bus stops, and will also function as a commuter route for those who prefer to bike to downtown jobs rather than drive on freeways and boulevards. The trail will also allow cyclists, pedestrians, runners, and dog walkers to safely travel to schools, parks, stores, and jobs with minimal exposure to motorized traffic.

The Del Rio Trail, along with other projects the City is advancing, is helping to provide more opportunities for Sacramentans to be active and healthy while also protecting our environment. The project goal is to offer the opportunity for more walking and biking for recreational and commuter trips alike; providing a north-south class one bike path that links South Sacramento neighborhoods to the Sacramento River Parkway and William Land Park.

As the original sponsor of the federal Safe Streets Act in Congress, I understand the numerous benefits of designing our roadways to accommodate all users. I am pleased to support this application and I firmly believe that the Del Rio Trail Project is deserving of a SACOG 2018 Regional Program grant.

Sincerely,



DORIS O. MATSUI
Member of Congress