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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20490

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to support the City of Arcata's application for a FY13 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) V Discretionary Grant to fund the City of Arcata Rail-with-Trail Connectivity Project.

The City of Arcata is requesting \$2.7 million to design and construct a non-motorized trail between the cities of Samoa and Bracut. The Arcata Rail-with-Trail Connectivity Project includes the construction, operation and maintenance of a three-mile, Class I, Americans with Disabilities Act accessible, non-motorized multiuse trail. This project has been identified as the top priority non-motorized transportation project in the Humboldt Bay Region; it will provide a safe, alternate commuter route connecting the two largest cities in the region, Arcata and Eureka, along the Highway 101 corridor. Enhanced pedestrian safety features between the Arcata and Bracut Highway 101 intersections will also reduce the currently high accident rate.

Humboldt County is a rural community with some of the lowest household income levels in California, making high gas prices an especially pressing concern among commuters. The trail would thus provide a safe, non-motorized alternative. When complete, the trail is expected to see over 249,000 trips annually, significantly reducing vehicular traffic and cutting gasoline use by over 20,000 gallons per year. The resulting reduction in greenhouse gas emissions will not only benefit the environment, but also assist the City in meeting their goal of twenty percent reduced emissions by 2015.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this project. If you have any questions regarding this grant application, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein".

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator