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State of California
Department of Transportation, ATP Cycle 3 Program
Chief, Office of Active Transportation & Special Programs
Division of Local Assistance
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Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Active Trails Program (ATP) Grant Application for the Rehabilitation
of the MacKerricher Haul Road**

To Whom It May Concern:

The Fort Bragg City Council enthusiastically supports the Active Trails Program (ATP) grant application for the rehabilitation of the MacKerricher Haul Road between the Pudding Creek Trestle and Ward Avenue, within MacKerricher State Park in Fort Bragg.

As you know, the Mendocino Coast is known for its stunning coastal vistas. The MacKerricher Haul Road offers spectacular views of the ocean and recreational opportunities to residents, commuters and hundreds of thousands of tourists each year. It is heavily used by bicyclists, hikers, walkers, joggers and equestrians.

Additionally this trail connects with the Pudding Creek Trestle and the new Fort Bragg Coastal Trail. Once the middle section of the Coastal Trail is completed, the two trail systems will provide 11.2 miles of coastal multi-use trails and form a segment of the Pacific Bikeway. There is an overwhelming need to provide an alternate route for bicycles and pedestrians through the narrow stretch of Highway One from Cleone to the Fort Bragg city limits. This much needed project will help move pedestrian and bicycle traffic off of the Highway One corridor.

Due to constant use, coastal conditions and State Parks budgetary issues, the MacKerricher Haul Road has seriously deteriorated over the years rendering it difficult for some uses and in places, it is not ADA accessible. Maintaining the recreational trail is a high priority for the community as it is an important tourism attraction in our tourism dependent economy.

It is clear that State Parks cannot repair the Haul Road without support from regional partners. Therefore State Parks, the City of Fort Bragg, and the community are working together to plan and fund this rehabilitation project for the Haul Road.

We encourage you to award an ATP grant for the restoration of the Haul Road, so that it will continue to serve tourists from around the world and Californians of all walks of life for the next 30 years.

Sincerely,

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