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Mr. Tim Rochte
Caltrans, District 5
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Dear Mr. Rochte,

The Advisory Council for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary is in strong support of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments' (AMBAG) Community Based Transportation Planning grant for \$200,000 for planning, coordinating, and performing public outreach for the Sanctuary Recreational Trail.

The project is very exciting. Monterey Bay local officials, state officials, and public agencies are very supportive of Congressman Sam Farr's efforts to lead this. AMBAG has been selected to coordinate the efforts to identify the existing trails, analyze possible links in the trails, develop a budget for trail/road improvements, and develop a Sanctuary Trail education and interpretive program.

This project will require significant expenditures. A Caltrans grant would be very important for the planning phase. Local jurisdictions are participating now and have expressed their continued support. Federal resources, private resources and other sources will be explored as we move forward.

Please feel free to call me if I can answer any questions.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Harlan, Chairperson
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The Sanctuary Advisory Council is composed of 19 federally appointed representatives from government agencies, local institutions, and user groups concerned with the resources of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The Council advises the Sanctuary Superintendent on matters of policy and provides a link between the community and Sanctuary management.

