



ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7

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Art Dao
Executive Director
Alameda County Transportation Commission
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Dear Mr. Dao:

On behalf of Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control Water Conservation District (Zone 7) I am writing to express support for the City of Livermore's application for grant funds for the Iron Horse Trail.

The Iron Horse trail will provide nonmotorized connections both within Livermore and to adjacent communities. The completion of this gap in the Iron Horse Trail will expand the existing trail network within Livermore and provide further connections to the downtown, transit center, parks, schools, and other destinations. Additionally, this trail will provide a continuous transportation corridor through the entirety of Alameda County.

Zone 7 is currently working on a channel enhancement project in the Arroyo Mocho flood control channel corridor, located alongside the City of Livermore's Iron Horse trail project between Murrieta Boulevard and Isabel Avenue. Our channel improvement project is being done with the hope that the adjacent trail would be improved and opened to the public, and we have collaborated with the City to this effect. Our enhancement project provides not only ecological benefits, but also aesthetic enhancements that residents and recreationalists will enjoy, and opportunities through the project's long-term riparian planting program for local residents and others to actively engage in restoring this local waterway.

We support the use of the Arroyo Mocho Channel access road, east of Isabel Avenue, for the Iron Horse Trail and will work with the City of Livermore throughout the process. We believe the expansion of the trail system will provide safe and convenient travel for all residents, and by allowing for a direct connection and experience with the creek, we expect that local residents and others will develop a vested interest in keeping this waterway (and perhaps others) clean and healthy.

We urge you to fund this grant request. If you have any questions please contact me at (925) 454-5000.

Sincerely,

Kurt Arends

Assistant General Manager

cc: Debbie Bell, Pam Lung - City of Livermore
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