



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

June 9, 2021

PRESIDENT
Dennis Rodoni
4TH DISTRICT

Congressman Jared Huffman
United States House of Representatives
1527 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Re: San Rafael Federal Navigation Channel Dredging and East Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Gap Closure Projects

2ND VICE PRESIDENT
Damon Connolly
1ST DISTRICT

Dear Congressman Huffman:

Katie Rice
2ND DISTRICT

On behalf of the Marin County Board of Supervisors, I write to thank you for your efforts resulting in the Administration's budgeting of partial funding for a project of substantial importance to the County of Marin - the San Rafael Federal Navigation Channel Dredging project.

Stephanie Moulton-Peters
3RD DISTRICT

As you know, the County requested that \$13 million be provided for this maintenance dredging project in order to maintain navigability as needed for public safety and the commercial and recreational vessels that utilize the San Francisco Bay-adjacent waterway every day. Securing \$6.75 million is a major step forward, with the last full dredging having been completed by the Army Corps of Engineers nearly 20 years ago.

Matthew H. Hymel
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
CLERK OF THE BOARD

With current measurements in the Channel of navigation depths at only 20-40% of their federally authorized levels, we stand ready to work with you and others to secure the remaining \$6.25 million needed to complete the entire project.

Diane Patterson
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD

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In addition, we have requested \$700,000 to conduct environmental review and prepare 'shovel-ready' construction plans to improve bicycle and pedestrian access along East Sir Francis Drake Blvd (ESFDB) between Interstate 580 (I-580) and US Highway 101 (US101), identified as a top priority for the community in the "Marin County Unincorporated Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan", released in 2008.

By closing this remaining gap in our local bicycle network, the proposed project would facilitate and encourage utilization of the SMART train's Larkspur station and the Golden Gate Larkspur Ferry Terminal. As such, it will serve to take single-passenger automobiles off our region's congested highways, improve highway safety, and reduce emissions. And in doing so, it will enable the federal government, as well as the State, and residents of Marin and Sonoma Counties, to maximize the return on their investments in the SMART and Golden Gate facilities. Attesting to its regional significance, the closure of this gap has been identified by the Bay Trails Collaborative (a

consortium of more than three dozen organizations/agencies/businesses working to develop a 2,700-mile regional trail network around the San Francisco Bay) as a high priority project. Project proponents include Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, San Francisco Bay Trail, and Marin County Bicycle Coalition.

Thank you for your continued support of Marin County. We would be pleased to work with your further regarding the remaining \$6.25 million needed to complete the channel project, and would welcome any opportunity to assist you in securing the East Sir Francis Drake Blvd Gap Closure Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dennis Rodoni".

Dennis Rodoni, President
Marin County Board of Supervisors

cc: Marin County Board of Supervisors