Save Our Trails!

Promoting trails in Santa Clara County for the benefit and enjoyment of all

Santa Clara City Council 1500 Warburton Avenue Santa Clara, CA 95050

SUBJECT: Priority Setting Session should include completing the Trail Master Plan

January 30, 2020

Dear Mayor Gillmore and Members of the City Council:

Save Our Trails: Connecting Santa Clara County Communities is a California Not-for-Profit Corporation whose mission is *"To promote trails in Santa Clara County for the benefit and enjoyment of all."* On behalf of **Save Our Trails**, I am writing to urge that among the priorities for 2020 being considered in your Priority Setting Session you include completion of the update of the Trail Master Plan for the city.

A network of trails provides recreational opportunities for all residents, and - if linked with protected bike lanes -- provides safe routes to school for students and staff alike.

Trails linked with convenient bridges over Highway 101 (or all-weather tunnels, not subject to closure due to flooding, under the highway) can play a significant role in reducing commuter vehicle traffic between residential areas south of the highway and employment centers to the north.

The current Master Plan is now three years old. It deserves to be brought up to date. Please include such an update among your priorities for the city for the coming year.

Sincerely,

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