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SUBJECT: Support of Settlement in Union Pacific RR v. City of San José  
(Agenda Item 4.4)

December 13, 2011

Dear Mayor Reed 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 people.”* On behalf of Save Our Trails (SOT), I am writing to inform you of our support of the proposed settlement with Union Pacific Railroad Company.

This settlement includes the purchase of a 9 acre parcel that will provide an essential link in a rails-to-trails project that will eventually become part of the Five Wounds Trail. The City must act when land along railroad rights-of-way becomes available for purchase. In contrast to building trails along San José’s rivers and creeks, the railroad’s rights-of-way may be sold and developed for alternate use. Therefore, if trails are planned along abandoned railroad lines, it is essential that the city purchase the parcels as soon as they become available.

The Five Wounds Trail will be an essential link in the city’s network of trails, linking the Berryessa BART Station and the Five Wounds Village with Kelley Park and the Coyote Creek Trail to the south, and eventually, via the Three Creeks Trail to the west to the HP Arena and Diridon Station.

SAVE OUR TRAILS urges a YES vote on this settlement.

Sincerely,

Martin Delson  
Secretary, SAVE OUR TRAILS  
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