



March 10, 2011

Ms. Laura J. Rice  
Program Coordinator, Bicycle Transportation Account  
Caltrans District 3 Office of Local Assistance  
703 B Street  
Marysville, CA 95901

Dear Ms Rice:

On behalf of the El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce, I am writing this letter of support of the grant application that El Dorado County Department of Transportation (DOT) is submitting for Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) state funding for the **Green Valley Road Class II Bikeway** project. This project is included on the highest priority list of all the Tier 1 projects in the El Dorado County Bicycle Transportation Plan adopted November 9, 2010.

The El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization (501C6) which represents the business community of El Dorado Hills and surrounding areas and provides benefits and services to the membership. The El Dorado Hills community is growing rapidly. In January 2006, the population in the El Dorado Hills Community Services District was 35,000 persons and is projected to reach 58,000 residents by the year 2015.

Green Valley Road is an east-west arterial that provides parallel capacity to US 50 and extends from the El Dorado/Sacramento County Line to the City of Placerville. Currently, there is a large gap (approximately 4 miles) in the Class II bike lanes on Green Valley Road between Francisco Drive and the signalized entrance to Pleasant Grove Middle School. In this stretch of roadway, the paved shoulders vary in width from 2 to 4 feet. Given the high traffic volumes (11,000 to 23,000 ADT) and high travel speeds (the posted speed limit is 50 mph), there are several shoulder segments that are unsafe for bicycle usage. El Dorado County DOT's proposed BTA project would widen the shoulders where needed, and add striping and bike lane symbols and signs.

The proposed bikeway project will benefit bicyclists by providing a more visible and safer on-road bicycle facility to use for non-motorized access to employment centers clustered along the Green Valley Road corridor and regional connectivity between the El Dorado County communities of Cameron Park and El Dorado Hills and the City of Folsom in Sacramento County.

The El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce strongly supports this Class II bicycle facility project and hope that it is selected for a BTA grant award.

Sincerely,

Debbie Manning, President & CEO  
El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce