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**Subject:** Jennings Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Rail Crossing Draft EIR  
**Attachments:** Jennings EIR NOA - English.pdf; Jennings EIR NOA - Spanish.pdf

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Mayor Bartley and Members of the City Council:

The Jennings Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Rail Crossing Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is now available for public review. Hard copies of the document are waiting for you in your mailboxes in the City Managers Office.

Two types of rail crossings are evaluated in the Draft EIR. The first is an at-grade pedestrian and bicycle rail crossing at Jennings Avenue and the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) rail corridor, which would include the closure of one existing rail crossing at either W. Sixth Street, W. Seventh Street, or W. Eighth Street in exchange for the new crossing at Jennings Avenue. The second is a pedestrian and bicycle rail overcrossing at Jennings Avenue and the SMART rail corridor, which would not require the closure of an existing rail crossing elsewhere in the City.

### **The 45-day public review period begins on October 17, 2014 and concludes on December 1, 2014.**

A combined Notice of Availability and Public Hearing Notice (attached) was mailed to property owners and tenants within 1,000 feet of the project area (including both the Jennings Avenue project area and the crossings at W. Sixth, W. Seventh and W. Eighth Streets) announcing the public review period and indicating how the public could access the Draft EIR. The notice was also e-mailed to interested parties that requested notification and to known neighborhood and interest groups.

Large public hearing signs were installed on either side of the Jennings Avenue crossing, as well as at each of the crossings at W. Sixth, W. Seventh and W. Eighth Streets, announcing the public hearing and the availability of the Draft EIR for public review and comment, and notice was placed in the Press Democrat.

Copies of the Draft EIR are available at the following locations:

- Santa Rosa City Hall, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Community Development Department (Room 3) and City Manager's Office (Room 10);
- Transportation and Public Works Department, 69 Stony Circle;
- California Welcome Center, 9 Fourth Street;
- Northwest Santa Rosa Library, 150 Coddington Center; and
- Central Santa Rosa Library, 211 E Street.

The Draft EIR can also be accessed on the City website at the following address: <http://srcity.org/departments/communitydev/Pages/JenningsAvenuePedestrianandBicycleRailCrossingEIR.asp>  
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**The Council will hold a public hearing regarding the Draft EIR on November 18, 2014.** Because the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments regarding the Draft EIR, the Council will hold and close the public hearing and may

provide comments about the document, but will take no final action until a subsequent meeting when the Final EIR is considered for certification. Verbal and written comments will be accepted at this public hearing and will receive written responses in the Final EIR.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Jessica

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