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September 3, 2015

John Sawyer, Mayor
City of Santa Rosa
100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Room 10
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Dear Mayor Sawyer and Members of City Council:

It is our understanding that the City of Santa Rosa is considering initiation of a General Plan amendment to determine future land uses for the 52+ acres of surplus rights of way on the rescinded freeway alignment of State Route 12 through southeast Santa Rosa. Establishing a General Plan designation for the land, which does not currently have a land use designation, will help set the stage for future land acquisition activities that would proceed following designation of the property.

As outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding between the California Department of Transportation, the Sonoma Land Trust, and the Southeast Greenway Community Partnership, our agency conditionally supports consideration of a variety of land uses for the site including a greenway comprised of bicycle and pedestrian facilities and open spaces. Other uses which will be considered include commercial and residential development which is compatible with similar existing development of private properties adjacent to the surplus rights of way.

We are aware that there is a great deal of public interest in the future use of the rescinded rights of way and support the City's efforts to engage a broad group of stakeholders in the General Plan amendment process.

We understand that the Southeast Greenway Community Partnership and the Sonoma Land Trust will diligently pursue acquisition as outlined in the MOU, and we look forward to continued collaboration with the Partnership to help facilitate the goals identified in the MOU.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark L. Weaver".

MARK L. WEAVER
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