

Dan Hennessey  
Public Works Director  
City of Santa Rosa  
100 Santa Rosa Ave.  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Dear Director Hennessey,

I am writing to express **[insert name of organization]**'s support of the City of Santa Rosa's application to the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning grant (STPG) program for the Santa Rosa Southeast Greenway project.

The proposed project will transform a 49-acre abandoned highway right-of-way into a vibrant new greenway park and open space amenity in the heart of the city. With acquisition of the property from Caltrans completed in 2024, the City is closer than ever to realizing a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to develop a generationally significant park, with the help of various partner organizations, which continues to include Caltrans as a key partner.

***[Replace this paragraph with answers to the following prompts:  
How will the Southeast Greenway help promote or advance your mission/efforts?  
How will enhanced urban connectivity and increased active transportation benefit your organization and community?]***

STPG funds will enable the City and its partners to build on previous grassroots outreach activities and engage the community in creating a master plan to help expand access to a significant amount of new parkland and create more walkable neighborhoods with the development of extensive pathways for bicycles and pedestrians.

The Greenway is an important community project with multiple citywide, environmental, and social benefits through a variety of park amenities and natural features including play areas, community gardens, picnic areas, active recreation amenities, and native vegetation and tree planting to help with urban heat island mitigation and support local and regional climate resiliency.

**[Insert name of organization]** is excited to participate in the public engagement process to plan and design the Greenway so that it best serves the adjacent neighborhoods, nearby disadvantaged neighborhoods, and the greater Santa Rosa community for decades to come. We proudly support the Southeast Greenway project and encourage you to award this grant to help our community achieve its vision.

Sincerely,

[name]  
[title]  
[organization]