



Dear Carpinteria City Council,

I am writing this on the behalf of Bike Ventura County (BikeVC).

We are a nonprofit bicycle advocacy group dedicated to transportation equity. Our organization provides four vital roles for our community

- Educate: Bicycle safety education programs for youth, family, and senior groups
- Empower: Non-profit bicycle repair shops provide low cost, 'do-it-together' repair services leading to transportation independence and skills of vehicle repair.
- Participate: Community driven bicycle recycle and refurbish center
- Advocate: Civic leadership engagement for transportation equity for all

Introduction

The Rincon Trail project must move forward. We agree with Staff's recommendation for Council to accept and certify the EIR and approve the Condit Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") and Coastal Development Permit ("CDP") for the Rincon Trail project through Resolution No. 6111 (Attachment A)."

This path encourages non-vehicular travel (essential to aid in the fight against climate change), improved for public safety, and increased and improved coastal access and recreational opportunities– all of which are necessary to ensure the *World's Safest Beach* remains *Safe* for all generations to come.



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Non-Vehicular Travel

Climate action is needed and increasing our bicycle usage is critical. Improving paths for pedestrians and bicyclists enable community access and allow the public to have a safe, carbon neutral option for their transportation needs. City leadership is obligated to recognize and prioritize measures to reduce carbon emissions and reduce the community dependency on automobile transportation.

Improved Public Safety

We have a national health crisis surrounding us, traffic violence. To quote Secretary Buttigieg on Thursday, January 27, 2022, “More than 370,000 people died in transportation incidents over the last decade (2011-2020) in the United States. More than 350,000 of them died on our roads. One, it is disproportionately impacting some Americans more than others: people of color, Native Americans, low income communities, people in rural areas, [are] more likely to die on our roads.”¹

To avoid being a victim of traffic violence, many pedestrians and cyclists use the railroad corridor, which itself presents a safety concern. As a City Council member, you have the opportunity to enable safe transportation for your constituents and those visiting your town enjoying the idyllic community.

Improved Coastal Access & Recreation Opportunities

We believe the improved coastal access and recreation opportunities help to increase physical activity. Low physical activity claims lives from people of every age, every race, every income level, in rural communities and big cities alike.

Physical inactivity increases all causes of mortality, cardiovascular disease, and type II diabetes. We can improve this sad social trend by simply increasing our mild outdoor activity, more

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walking or cycling are proven to increase personal health. The completion of the Rincon Trail Project will promote and inspire the public to get out and explore their community by foot or pedal.

Closing

BikeVC has viewed the planning strategy and believes the Proposed Project best meets the objectives as listed in Section 1.2.1 of the Environmental Impact Report. Therefore, BikeVC supports the construction and alignment of the Carpinteria Rincon Trail as proposed and analyzed in the EIR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence Abele".

Lawrence Abele

Board of Directors Advocacy Lead / Volunteer

¹ <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/transcript-secretary-buttigieg-remarks-national-roadway-safety-strategy>