



May 27, 2016

Tom Hatch, CEO
City of Costa Mesa
77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

RE: SUPPORT for Arlington Trail Project

Dear Mr. Hatch:

I am writing on behalf of the Safe Trails Coalition regarding proposed Arlington Trail Project by the Costa Mesa Fairgrounds. After careful review and thoughtful consideration of the facts regarding the placement and safety aspects of the proposed trail alignment, the Coalition would like to offer its support.

By way of background, the Safe Trails Coalition was formed three years ago by Audubon California, Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks, Laguna Canyon Foundation, Sea and Sage Audubon, and Sierra Club. Collectively and along with our more than 30 supporting organizations, our focus is to find the balance between responsible recreational needs and resource protection in our parks, preserves, and natural lands.

We believe that the alignment of the trail is properly located, includes innovative water quality features, and provides improved safety for trail users, motorists, nearby school children, and fairground vendors. It is an important next step in the completion of a Fairgrounds Loop. Thank you to the City and staff for working to complete this segment of the OC trail system for residents and visitors to enjoy year round.

Should you need to contact us for more information, please phone me directly at 714-779-7561.

Sincerely,

Melanie Schlotterbeck
Coalition Coordinator

ENCLOSED: Safe Trails Coalition Factsheet