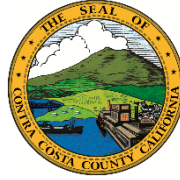


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Mr. John Nemeth
Executive Director
West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee
6333 Potrero Avenue, Suite 100
El Cerrito, CA 94530

Dear Mr. Nemeth,

I'm writing to express the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors' support for the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee's (WCCTAC) Sustainable Communities Planning Grant to study the Richmond Parkway Corridor. I understand these planning efforts will include formulating solutions to reduce cut-through, truck, and commuter traffic on local streets in North Richmond.

The North Richmond community includes vibrant residential areas that are continually working to improve their quality of life. Currently, North Richmond experiences a high number of trucks and semi-trucks that drive through the neighborhood on the same streets where children walk to school and seniors that travel to health and community services. Addressing the issue of high truck volume on local neighborhood streets would reduce stress, reduce noise and air pollution, improve the walkability of the community, and support a sense of community pride.

The study would not only address the deficiencies in the movement of goods, but also optimize the regional corridor. The comprehensive plan for this corridor will not only facilitate jobs related to adjacent industrial land uses but can also facilitate access to clean active modes of transportation so residents can take advantage of the San Francisco Bay Trail, which is adjacent to the Richmond Parkway Corridor. Improvements to the corridor could result in an incredible resource that would benefit everyone.

The County strongly supports these efforts and is optimistic that this study could be an important step in investing in the North Richmond community.

Sincerely,

Diane Burgis, Chair
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors