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Bard R. Lower, Transportation Division Director
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**RE: Active Transportation (ATP) Grant Application:
El Dorado Trail Extension**

Dear Mr. Lower,

The El Dorado County Parks and Recreation Commission fully supports the ATP grant application for the El Dorado Trail Extension Project from Missouri Flat Road to the Town of El Dorado. El Dorado County is actively developing this trail within the old Michigan/California Railroad right-of-way. Once completed, the trail will connect to the National Pony Express Trail Route and the proposed Sacramento-Placerville Rail Trail, which ultimately links the communities of South Lake Tahoe and the Sacramento Valley region.

The El Dorado Trail is the most heavily used trail in the region and the proposed extension will further encourage active transportation and provide additional bike and pedestrian linkages between residential zones, schools, parks, commercial activities and other uses. The project also provides a safe route to school for Herbert Middle School students.

As an active community member and Chair of the El Dorado County Parks and Recreation Commission, I have witnessed tremendous community support for this project. We urge full funding of this application. Thank you for the opportunity to submit a letter of endorsement for this vital project.

Sincerely,

Steve Yonker, Chair
El Dorado County Parks and Recreation Commission

Cc: Ron Mikulaco, Board of Supervisors, District I
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