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Dear Mr. Burford:

I am writing to express my support for the Del Rio Trail which has been made possible through a SACOG Regional Program Grant along with tireless dedication from the South Land Park Neighborhood Association.

The Del Rio Trail will add critical infrastructure to our region and support the City's Bicycle Master Plan. The Project will provide potential recreation amenities, access to bus stops, and will also function as a commuter route for those who prefer to bike to downtown jobs rather than drive on freeways and boulevards. The trail will also allow cyclists, pedestrians, runners, and dog walkers to safely travel to schools, parks, stores, and jobs with minimal exposure to motorized traffic.

This four-mile section of abandoned track is located in the heart of South Sacramento and an incredible opportunity for the City to provide more chances for Sacramentans to be active and healthy while also protecting our environment. The project goal is to offer routes for walking and biking for recreational and commuter trips alike; providing a north-south class one bike path that links South Sacramento neighborhoods to the Sacramento River Parkway and William Land Park.

As the original sponsor of the federal Safe Streets Act in Congress, I understand the numerous benefits of designing our roadways to accommodate all users. I am in full support of the South Land Park Neighborhood Association and the residents in opposing the activation of the rail line and the subsequent compromise in trail design. This project is well thought out and not only meets the goals of the City's Master Plan, but also helps to mitigate our air pollution and the emissions impact on our environment.

If there is anything my office can do to assist, please do not hesitate to reach out directly.

Sincerely,



DORIS O. MATSUI  
Member of Congress