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Ms. Vibeke Norgaard
City Manager
City of Sand City
1 Pendergrass Way
Sand City, CA 93955

RE: Support for the City of Sand City's Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) Carbon Reduction Program Grant Application – Sand City Multiuse Commuter Trail Project

Dear City Manager Norgaard:

On behalf of the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, I write in support of the City of Sand City's application for funding through the Association of Monterey Bay Area Government's (AMBAG's) Carbon Reduction Program for the Sand City Multiuse Commuter Trail Project.

Funding for the Multiuse Commuter Trail Project will support the implementation of a 1-mile multiuse trail segment connecting the future Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) SURF! bus station, ending at Playa Avenue, to the Monterey Bay Coastal Recreation Trail at Canyon Del Rey Boulevard. This project will fill a critical gap in the existing multi-use trail.

Currently, trail users must leave the existing trail and are diverted approximately 1.5-miles along city streets before reconnecting to the trail. The trail is used by residents for recreation, as well as commuting to work and school between Castroville, Marina, Seaside, Del Rey Oaks, Sand City, Monterey, and Pacific Grove.

Completion of the existing trail gap will increase pedestrian and cyclist safety, promote active transportation, provide access to zero-emission vehicle infrastructure, and support alternative forms transportation. This will result in reduced vehicle emissions, decreased traffic congestion, and promote the use active transportation modes rather than vehicle travel.

This Project will allow people to safely walk or bike to work, school and shopping centers. Users can easily access the Monterey Bay Coastal Recreational Trail, an 18-mile trail between Castroville to the north and Pacific Grove to the south.

For these reasons, the County of Monterey is pleased to support this grant application.

Sincerely,

Glenn Church, Chair
Board of Supervisors

