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Jean Finney,  
Deputy District Director  
Transportation Planning and Local Assistance  
Caltrans District 4  
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SUBJECT: Golden Gate Safety and Access Improvements Project

Dear Ms. Finney,

Marin Conservation League (MCL) supports the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) application to the California Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) for a grant to enable the **Golden Gate Safety and Access Improvements** project. Since founding in 1934, when the Golden Gate Bridge was still under construction, MCL has been instrumental in the establishing of many of the public parks, such as Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), and other protected lands throughout Marin County.

It is hard to overstate the importance of the GGNRA Vista Point and other nearby viewpoints, including the Bridge itself, as prime locations to view the entire Golden Gateway and the San Francisco Bay and surrounding region. Views are unsurpassed! It is also the gateway to the Marin Headlands in GGNRA and other public lands throughout the County.

Thus Vista Point is also a transportation hub as visitors from around the world – on foot, on bicycles, or other recreational mode – converge and continue their explorations. In particular, this project will greatly improve access to Fort Baker, Golden Gate Bridge Vista Point and the Marin Headlands for active transportation and transit users. Often these beautiful sites are less accessible to pedestrians and bicyclists of different ages and abilities, transit users and those lacking personal vehicles. The improvements recommended for FLAP grant funding emphasize opportunities for *all* visitors to access the treasures of the GGNRA. They will encourage more pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders to visit these sites and be more comfortable doing so.

Through your efforts these opportunities will be possible! MCL supports this application!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Miller".

Robert Miller,  
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nona Dennis".

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Chair, Parks and Open Space

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