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To:  
Mayor and Council Members  
City of Santa Cruz

**Subject: Support the Active Transportation Plan**

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

The Sierra Club enthusiastically supports the proposed Active Transportation Plan and urges you to approve the adoption of the Plan.

The Plan will help the City achieve some of the goals of the Climate Action Plan and will increase walking, biking, and other non-motorized forms of transportation. The plan will create livable streets that provide the safety necessary for people to feel comfortable biking or walking. An increase in active transportation will result in a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, a decrease in noise pollution, and a general improvement in quality of life.

The Sierra Club does not support cutting down heritage trees to build sidewalks and urges the City to route new sidewalks around Heritage Trees as was done at locations such as Chestnut and Walnut Avenue and as Caltrans did with the heritage redwood near Mission Hill Middle School.

Sincerely,

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