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Subject: City of San Mateo Bicycle Master Plan Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

Dear Mr. Heap:

Bay Area Air Quality Management District (District) staff reviewed your agency's Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the City of San Mateo Bicycle Master Plan (Plan). The Plan will guide the future development of bicycle facilities and programs in the City. In addition, the Plan will help the City reach goals adopted in the City of San Mateo General Plan and Sustainable Initiative Plan by creating an environment and programs that support bicycles for transportation and recreation, encourage fewer trips by car, and support active lifestyles.

The Plan includes improvements to the existing bicycle network, such as closing gaps, spot improvements, and improvements in signage, bicycle detection at traffic signals, and bicycle pavement markings. Over 36 miles of new facilities are recommended in the Plan. At build out San Mateo will have 76 miles in total of bicycle paths, lanes and routes. The Plan also calls for studies to identify key locations for bicycle parking installation citywide, a bike parking plan for downtown, and a recommended bicycle parking ordinance.

This Plan is an excellent example of the kind of communitywide planning the District seeks to encourage to protect air quality, public health and the climate. It helps implement the District's 2010 Clean Air Plan and the region meet statewide goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) mandated by AB 32: California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 and SB 375: Sustainable Communities Planning Act.

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If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Alison Kirk, Senior Environmental Planner, 415-749-5169.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jean Roggenkamp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Jean Roggenkamp
Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer

cc: District Director Carole Groom
District Director Carol Klatt