

Stanislaus County Bicycle Club

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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Stanislaus County Bicycle Club I am writing this letter strongly supporting the widening of Claribel Road in Modesto. At a recent meeting of the SCBC Board this project was discussed and was unanimously supported. We recognize that the present two-lane highway is very dangerous for cyclists. Traffic is very heavy and there is virtually no shoulder to ride on. In addition, Class I bike paths along the side of the widened Claribel will provide a vital link for cyclists between the City of Riverbank and Modesto.

Our bike club includes over 150 members and is active in promoting safe bicycling for all including those who ride for basic transportation and recreation. We are cognizant of the many vehicle-bicycle accidents that have resulted in serious injury and, tragically, in death in Stanislaus County.

We urge the approval of the TIGER III grant through the Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Shoup
Board Member and Treasurer
Stanislaus County Bicycle Club

