***SAMPLE # 1***

Nardy Khan

Deputy Director-OC Infrastructure Programs

O.C. Public Works

601 N. Ross St.

Santa Ana, CA 92701

Nardy Khan,

**Re: Connecting the Santiago Creek Trail & the Santa Ana River Trail**

Please consider extending the bike trail along Santiago Creek that would connect the

Santiago Creek Trail with the Santa Ana River Trail.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Q Public

Your Address

Your City & Starte

Your Email or Phone #

CC:      Jessie Lopez, Santa Ana Mayor Pro Tem – Ward 3

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***SAMPLE # 2***

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Ms. Khan,

Our cycling club is able to ride 30 miles each weekend safely on the Santa Ana River Trail. Connecting this trail with the Santiago Creek Trail would allow our team to train on 40 miles of additional safe trail with no vehicle traffic. Please consider closing the gap between the Santiago Creek and Santa Ana River trails

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***SAMPLE # 3***

26 May 2023

Nardy Khan

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Santa Ana, CA 92701

**Re: Santiago Creek Flood Control Project – Adding a Dedicated Bike Trail**

Ms. Kahn:

I urge you to support the extension of the Santiago Creek Bike Trail to the Santa Ana River Trail.

It has come to my attention that the US Army Corps of Engineers is planning a significant flood protection project in the lower section of Santiago Creek in Santa Ana, California. As a lifetime resident of Santa Ana, I was excited to hear about this plan. But I was shocked to learn that no bike path is included in this project.

For many years, thousands of recreational cyclists, runners, and walkers have enjoyed dedicated, paved trails in both the Santiago Creek and the Santa Ana River. However, with the current flood control project being planned, my fellow trail enthusiast ask why couldn’t the Santiago Creek trail be extended that last mile (from Broadway in Santa Ana) to connect to the Santa Ana River trail? It would link two of the most-used recreational, dedicated trails, which themselves link to several more.

This a perfect opportunity to build that paved connection which will benefit thousands of Southern Californians. So again, I urge you to support the extension of the Santiago Creek Bike Trail.

Thank you for your support of open space & trails in Orange County.

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***SAMPLE # 4***

Nardy Khan

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Hi Nardy,

Please consider extending the trail in Santiago Creek to provide me safe passage to work on a daily basis. I work at the Santa Ana MainPlace Mall on Main Street in Santa Ana and I live west of that in Garden Grove, California. Currently I must ride in traffic with cars over busy streets and freeway on/off ramps. My family is always very concerned for my safety. Extending the current Santiago Creek Trail to the Santa Ana River Trail would allow me to safely ride to work every day.

Sincerely,

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***SAMPLE # 5***

Nardy Khan

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Dear Ms. Khan,

**Re: Connecting the Santiago Creek Trail & the Santa Ana River Trail**

I have been informed that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are preparing an Environmental Impact Report for the Santiago Creek project in Santa Ana, California.

You may be aware that there is an existing bike trail on the Santiago Creek that extends about 7 miles. The bike trail continues easterly along streets and neighborhood bike trails for another 40 miles. On the western end the bike trail abruptly ends at the Interstate 5 Freeway. To continue biking, the rider has to exit the trail and cross the freeway by using a bridge created for automobiles and then through neighborhoods in Santa Ana before reaching the Santa Ana River Trail. The Santa Ana Trail allows the rider many miles of trails to the Pacific Ocean or the foothills of Anaheim.

The gap between these two trails is approximately 1.5 miles.

At this time can you please consider adding a trail extension to the US Army Corps of Engineers’ Flood Control Project that would connect the Santiago Creek and Santa Ana River Trails.

Thank you,

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