



Responsible Growth in Marin

April 13, 2022

San Rafael City Council
1400 Fifth Avenue
San Rafael, Ca 94901

RE: Merrydale Road Segment of the North San Rafael Promenade – FOR PUBLIC RECORD

Dear Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

A couple of Responsible Growth in Marin (RGM) volunteers have been involved with the North San Rafael Promenade since its initial planning in 1997. We are glad that the City is now taking advantage of the opportunity to connect the two parts of North San Rafael divided by US 101 by implementing the Promenade segment along N. Merrydale Road. This is a critical segment of the North San Rafael Promenade and completion of this segment has been a constant RGM goal since the organization's inception.

We have reviewed the April 12, 2022, letter from the Merrydale Promenade Citizens Advisory Group and WTB-TAM and concur wholeheartedly with their excellent analysis. We fully support their recommendations to prioritize a welcoming, safe user experience and minimize environmental impacts. We urge you to support a no-parking alternative, which best matches these recommendations.

RGM has always advocated for visionary alternatives that favor long-term solutions over short-term fixes. Therefore, we respectfully request that you prioritize and fund this critical project using grants and mitigation assistance from the Northgate Town Square Development so that this important multimodal transportation connection will be constructed concurrent with development of the Northgate area.

Thank you for your attention to this important project for our community.

Sincerely,

Grace Geraghty, Executive Director

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