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Dear Clerk of the Board,

Please find attached our letter of support for Item 6, **Modoc Road Multi-use Trail**, on the agenda for the November 1, 2022, Board of Supervisors meeting.

Regards,



**Mark Wilkinson**  
*Executive Director*

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RE: Modoc Road Multi-Use Trail

Honorable Members of the Board:

The Santa Barbara County Trails Council (Trails Council) is a broad-based trails advocacy group consisting of hikers, runners, equestrians, cyclists, and other trail users. The Trails Council was formed in 1967 to advocate for the planning and construction of new trails and to help organize work parties to maintain existing trails. Over the last 55 years, the Trails Council has worked cooperatively with government agencies on planning, permitting, funding, building, and maintaining trails across Santa Barbara County.

We strongly support the **Modoc Road Multi-Use Trail** project and urge you to approve the revised MND and complete this project to address a deficiency in a trail network of local and countywide significance. Locally, completing the Modoc Road Multi-use Trail will connect the Las Positas and Obern multi-use paths to provide a safe off-road trail corridor from UCSB into the City of Santa Barbara. In addition to enhancing a local route, closing the gap will provide a vital link for the long-distance walking and cycling trails (LDTs) that connect communities from Guadalupe to Carpinteria and beyond.

We are incredibly grateful for the work done by County Public Works to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety through a strong focus on Active Transportation planning. Furthermore, we applaud their inspired work on this project and for securing significant grant funding from the California State Active Transportation Program.

We believe alignments A and B are viable means to achieving a long-desired segment of our countywide trail network. Therefore, we encourage the Board of Supervisors to approve Alignment B as the preferred solution and Alignment A as a less desirable alternative.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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