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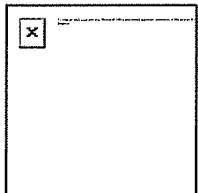
Hello,

Please see the attached comment letter from SBCAN regarding Item #6, the Modoc Multi-Use Path for the November 1st hearing of the Board of Supervisors.

Best,

Nadia

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October 28, 2022

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street  
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RE: Item #6 – Proposed Modoc Road Multi-Use Path MND Hearing on  
November 1, 2022.

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Dear Chair Hartmann and Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Santa Barbara County Action Network (SBCAN) is concerned and frustrated regarding the public engagement process for this proposed multi-use path project. SBCAN is a strong supporter of safer alternative transportation options and wants to see this long-awaited multi-use path completed. We also support conservation and the protection of open space. We hope there is a solution that can satisfy the legal requirements of the Conservation Easement for the Modoc Preserve while creating a safe and accessible multi-use path.

The County's facilitation of communication and collaboration between parties so far has been inadequate. This lack of leadership has resulted in conservationists, environmentalists, and alternative transportation advocates being pitted against each other. Absent a concerted effort from the County to bring all the groups together and come to a solution, we are concerned that an alternative solution that the community can support will not emerge.

We do not want to see the County lose out on the substantial grant money needed to complete this project, but we also do not want a project to get approved without significant community engagement. We hope to see an alternative solution brought forward that a strong majority of the community can support.

Sincerely,

Ken Hough,  
Executive Director