

Exhibit 5: Letters of Support

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January 7, 2005

Mr. Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: City of San Clemente Pedestrian Beach Trail Coastal Conservancy Application

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

I am writing to state my support for the City of San Clemente's Pedestrian Beach Trail and the City's request for construction funds for this important coastal project. The Conservancy funds are needed to act as a match to Federal Tea funds already procured and to allow the construction of this project to begin this summer.

This project will preserve, protect and restore the resources of the California coast. The Pedestrian Beach Trail will serve as a model for the State of California and the country on how to balance competing transportation, recreation and natural resource preservation requirements. This project is needed because over 2 million people visit San Clemente beaches annually and with the railroad separating the public from the beach, there are limited improved at-grade or below grade accesses across or along the railroad tracks. By providing both access and trail improvements, this project dramatically improves public safety and access along the San Clemente coast, preserves important natural resources and provides a vital link to the California Coastal Trail.

The unique quality of the San Clemente Pedestrian Beach Trail is evidenced by three unprecedented events:

- A 180 degree shift in the project from an engineered and safety driven project that had widespread community opposition to an environmentally sensitive design that

REPRESENTING SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITIES:  
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balances safety, aesthetic and environmental concerns resulting in widespread support.

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- The approval of five new at-grade crossings by the CPUC (the norm is to remove existing at-grade crossings).

These qualities have resulted in unanimous approval for the trail by the California Coastal Commission and California the Public Utilities Commission. In addition, during the project approval process, this project has received bipartisan support from the local community, local, state and federal elected officials and support from various environmental organizations.

I urge you to provide construction funds for the Pedestrian Beach Trail project which will enhance safety and the quality of the coast for the over two million annual visitors to San Clemente's beaches each year.

Sincerely,



BILL MORROW  
State Senator, 38<sup>th</sup> District

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Dear Mr. Schuchat:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the San Clemente Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to state our support for the City of San Clemente's Pedestrian Beach Trail and the City's request for construction funds for this important coastal project. The Conservancy funds are needed to act as a match to Federal Tea funds already procured and to allow the construction of this project to begin this summer.

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The Chamber urges you to provide construction funds for the Pedestrian Beach Trail project, which will enhance safety and the quality of the coast for the over two million annual visitors San Clemente's beaches each year.

Sincerely,

Lynn Wood  
Chief Executive Officer

Cc. City of San Clemente Manager George Scarborough  
City Council Members

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**San Clemente**  
Downtown Business Association

January 10, 2005

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Executive Director  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

**Subject: City of San Clemente Pedestrian Beach Trail Coastal Conservancy Application**

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

On behalf of the Downtown Business Associations Board of Directors I am writing this letter to state our support for the City of San Clemente's Pedestrian Beach Trail and the City's request for construction funds. The Conservancy funds are needed to act as a match to Federal Tea funds that have already been procured and to allow the construction of this project to begin this summer.

San Clemente is unique in that we have a railroad separating the public from the beach and there are limited locations for crossing the railroad safely. This project is needed because over 2 million people visit our beaches annually and this will dramatically improve public safety and access along the San Clemente Coast. The Pedestrian Beach Trail is an environmentally sensitive design that balances safety, aesthetics & environmental concerns and has widespread community support.

I urge you to provide construction funds for the Pedestrian Beach Trail project which will enhance safety and the quality of the coast for our many residents and visitors that enjoy our beaches. This project will preserve, protect and restore the resources of the California Coast.

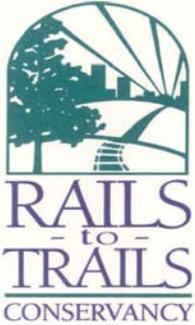
Sincerely,

Michael Kaupp  
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California Field Office

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State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

January 7, 2005

Subject: City of San Clemente Pedestrian Beach Trail Coastal Conservancy Application

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

On behalf of Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, I am writing to convey our support for the City of San Clemente's Pedestrian Beach Trail and the City's request for construction funds for this important coastal project. If the Conservancy supports this project, those funds will provide the needed match to Federal TE funds already secured, and allow the project to begin construction this summer.

San Clemente beaches are a significant visitor attraction; over 2 million people visit San Clemente beaches annually. The Pedestrian Beach Trail will serve as a model for the State of California and the Country on how to balance competing transportation, recreation and natural resource preservation requirements. This particular stretch of coastline has challenging access issues due to a major railroad separating the public from the beach, with limited improved at-grade or below grade accesses across or along the railroad tracks. By providing both access and trail improvements, this project dramatically improves public safety and access along the San Clemente coast, preserve important natural resources and provides a vital link to the California Coastal Trail.

This project will preserve, protect and restore the resources of the California coast and help to provide safer access to these beautiful beaches for all the public to enjoy. We encourage you to fund the Pedestrian Beach Trail project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Laura R. Cohen  
Western Regional Director

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Sincerely,

Richard Rozzelle  
Park Superintendent

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