

Sonoma County Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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June 8, 2010

Caltrans, District 4 - Division of Transportation Planning & Local Assistance
Attention: Ina Gerhard, Bicycle Coordinator
Mail Station: 10C
111 Grand Avenue
P.O. Box 23660
Oakland, CA 94623-0660

Re: New Bicycle Facilities with Widening Project on Hwy. 116/Stage Gulch Road in Sonoma County

Dear Ina:

The Sonoma County Bikeways Plan, which was adopted by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors in 1997, recommends Hwy. 116/Stage Gulch Road between Adobe Road and Arnold Drive as a Class III bicycle route facility. The Sonoma County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (SCBPAC) is in the process of updating the Bikeways Plan, which will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration this summer. The updated version of the Bikeways Plan proposes Hwy. 116/Stage Gulch Road between Adobe Road and Arnold Drive as a Class II bicycle lane facility.

At a minimum, the SCBPAC requests that Caltrans include Class III bicycle route signs and "Share the Road" signs along Hwy. 116/Stage Gulch Road in conjunction with the current widening project. This is consistent with the recommendation for Hwy. 116/Stage Gulch Road in the currently adopted Sonoma County Bikeways Plan. However, anticipating that the Bikeways Plan will be updated this summer and Hwy. 116/Stage Gulch Road will be proposed as a Class II bicycle lane facility, please consider providing Class II bicycle lanes in conjunction with the current widening project.

The SCBPAC greatly appreciates the "Share the Road" bicycle caution signs that are currently installed along Hwy. 116/Stage Gulch Road as part of the widening construction. The new eight-foot wide shoulders to be provided with the widening project will also be a tremendous improvement for bicyclists along this stretch of Hwy. 116 in southern Sonoma County. Again, to be consistent with the currently adopted Sonoma County Bikeways Plan as well as Caltrans Deputy Directive 64 regarding Complete Streets, Class III bicycle route signs should be provided, at a minimum, and Class II bicycle lanes are preferred.

Thank you for considering this request of the Sonoma County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Bicycle improvements on Hwy. 116/Stage Gulch Road have been one of the highest priorities of the SCBPAC for many years. We look forward to working with you to ensure that the Hwy. 116/Stage Gulch Road widening project will include appropriate bicycle facility improvements.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, staff to the SCBPAC, Steven Schmitz, may be reached at (707) 585-7516 or steven@sctransit.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Gonzalez".

Tim Gonzalez, Chair
Sonoma County Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee