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Business Owner  
San Pablo Dam Road  
El Sobrante, CA 94803

RE: San Pablo Dam Road Walkability Project-  
Project No. 0662-6R4051

Dear Business Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to update you on the San Pablo Dam Road Walkability Project (Project) and provide information on right of way that may directly affect you as a property owner within the project area.

The project is moving toward the end of the Design Phase. Once design of the project is complete, the project will move into the Right of Way phase. The Right of Way Phase involves securing and acquiring the area and permits necessary in order to construct the project and conform the new sidewalk and driveways to the adjacent property. We anticipate this phase to begin in February 2014 and conclude in August 2014. Construction is anticipated to begin in August 2014.

In order to begin construction this August, the project will follow an aggressive and compressed time schedule for the Right of Way Phase. Because your business is adjacent to the public right of way, you may be contacted by Contra Costa County (County) Real Property Agents concerning a permit, easement, and/or right of way purchase to allow the contractor to replace the sidewalk.

**It is important that you stay involved and be on the look-out for correspondence from the County. Documents** from the County are anticipated to be sent early to mid-March. If you lease your property, please coordinate with the property owner, who will be receiving a similar letter, to respond at your earliest convenience. If you do not respond, the County may begin eminent domain proceedings to ensure construction begins in August 2014. There are various reasons why someone may not respond; however, with enough notice ahead of time, we are hoping to maximize awareness among the Downtown El Sobrante business owners. Your attention to this matter is of the utmost importance as a key participant in the sidewalk project. If you lease your property, please have a copy of the lease available for the Real Property Agent.

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You are invited to an informational community meeting on January 23, 2014 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the El Sobrante Library, 4191 Appian Way to discuss the project and answer any questions you may have.

We appreciate your feedback and response. If you would like additional information regarding the project, please contact me at (925) 313-2161 or send me an email at [griva@pw.cccounty.us](mailto:griva@pw.cccounty.us).

Sincerely,



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## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The purpose of this project is to reconstruct and adjust sidewalk features along an existing section of San Pablo Dam Road within the County right of way to provide an unobstructed path of travel that is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The project consists of the reconstruction or redesign of existing concrete sidewalk, driveways, curb ramps, and gutters along an approximately 2,700 foot section of San Pablo Dam Road, between Appian Way and El Portal Drive. The project will include drainage improvements and utility adjustments. The project will also place potted landscaping along the frontages of volunteer businesses, improve or replace existing signage to include bus stop signage. The project has removed approximately five bus stop benches that have obstructed ADA and pedestrian traffic.

The project will require permits and right of way acquisition in order to have sufficient space for construction. The project will replace 47 urban landscape trees (i.e. street trees) and add an additional 20 to 30 trees.

Prior to construction, property owners will be notified by the contractor of the upcoming construction activity. Access to private property or businesses will be maintained throughout the project. Emergency vehicles will have access through the project area at all times. Real property transactions and utility relocation will be necessary in support of this project.