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**To:** City Clerk Group

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**Subject:** Goleta Train Depot Comment

## Dear Madam Mayor and Council Members,

We would like to offer our support for The Goleta Train Depot Roadway Improvements, site plan and building. While we would have liked to see full reconstruction with a class IV bike way on La Patera, we understand the constraints surrounding that plan. The proposed sidewalk infill and class II lanes will provide an essential bicycle connection between Hollister and the depot as well as an ADA path of travel. We also hope that the lanes will be buffered so as to increase the safety for riders.

We are pleased that the station design includes both exterior and interior bike storage which will be critical in making the Goleta Train depot a truly multimodal facility. Increased bike access leads to increased train ridership without increasing the demand for automobile parking.

We are grateful to staff for taking our feedback and making changes to their original plan. We hope you approve their plans and give direction to begin the next phase.

Thank you so much, Melissa Cunningham and Heather Deutsch COAST and SBBIKE

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