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Dianne Steinhauser, Executive Director TAM Board of Directors Transportation Authority of Marin 500 Fifth Avenue, Suite 100 San Rafael, CA 94901

Re: Caltrans oak planting in Novato area

Dear Ms. Steinhauser and Board Members:

The Marin Conservation League is interested in promoting actions that reduce the impact of vehicular emissions. We support and encourage Caltrans' planting of native live oak trees along the 101 Corridor in Novato. Because oak trees are not fast growers we encourage TAM's support to continue this program as soon as possible.

The placement of the oak trees should be done to enhance the connection of the Novato community to the highway, without hindering sightlines of drivers or viewsheds of Baylands. The Novato City Council and Sustainable Novato also encourage the tree planting program to continue.

Please do not delay this effort to improve air quality and enhance the highway in Novato.

Sincerely,

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