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Mr. Robert E. Doyle  
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RE: Support for the East Bay Regional Park District's Community Transportation Grant application

Dear Mr. Doyle!

I am writing in support of the District's application for a Community Transportation Grant to fund the Get Outdoors! (GO!) Network for Kids Health. The GO! Network, among its various components, will shed light on transportation and policy barriers that can keep kids from experiencing the outdoors.

This effort complements the work of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to develop a comprehensive transportation, housing and land-use plan in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. The plan aims to reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions while at the same time identifying a growth pattern which preserves open space and promotes compact, mixed-use commercial and residential development that is walkable, bike-able, and close to mass transit, jobs, schools, shopping, parks, recreation and other amenities.

MTC is in support of the District's plans to implement a model program that will promote outdoor activity, increase community awareness of opportunities to move outside and reduce barriers to accessing the District's 112,000 acres of parkland in two of the region's largest, urban counties. MTC looks forward to participating in discussions about policy solutions with the GO! collaborative.

I urge favorable consideration of the District's application for the GO! Network for Kids Health.

Sincerely,

Steve Heminger  
Executive Director

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