



January 4, 2019

Board of Directors  
North Coast Railroad Authority  
c/o Mitch Stogner, Executive Director  
419 Talmage Road  
Ukiah, California 95482

Re: Trail Related Activities within the City of Ukiah

Dear Mr. Stogner,

The City of Ukiah has been very active in developing the "rail trail" within the City limits and within the NCRA right-of-way, and is eager to further coordinate trail and trail-related improvements that support and connect with the Great Redwood Trail envisioned to extend throughout the Ukiah Valley and beyond. This letter is to describe our goals in this regard and to request that the NCRA grant an easement to allow the City of Ukiah to utilize the property abutting Mason Street for key purposes directly related to the trail.

As you know, Phase One of the multi-use Ukiah Rail Trail was recently constructed and spans the center of Ukiah. Additionally, we have secured grant funding and begun the design process for Phases Two and Three, which will extend the trail to both the north and south city limits. This local section of the trail provides a much-needed safe and efficient corridor for bicycle and pedestrian traffic, as well as direct access to major employment centers, services, shopping, residential areas, the future Mendocino County courthouse, and connectivity to other bicycle routes. The Great Redwood Trail will expand its use and its economic impact even further by inviting additional recreational use.

As a follow up to previous conversations on this topic, the City of Ukiah would like to convey its interest in acquiring a permanent easement on the NCRA-owned properties along Mason Street in Ukiah that are immediately adjacent to our rail trail (APNs 002-193-44-00 and 002-151-10-00). These parcels, which have limited development potential due to the history of contamination and the Covenant recorded to memorialize those land use limitations, would provide unique opportunities for amenities along the Ukiah Rail Trail, including parking, covered seating/picnic area, bicycle racks, and more. These features would significantly enhance the public benefits associated with the Rail Trail and the future Great Redwood Trail, and could function as an arrival point and key gathering area for those using the main trail and connecting trails and pedestrian/bicycle routes.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter. If you have additional questions or would like to discuss further, I may be reached at [ssangiacomo@cityofukiah.com](mailto:ssangiacomo@cityofukiah.com) or (707) 463-6221.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sage Sangiacomo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Sage Sangiacomo  
City Manager

Cc: Senator Mike McGuire