



Sunshine Coast Climate Action Network
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To Whom It May Concern,

The Sunshine Coast Climate Action Network (SCCAN) is an umbrella group for individuals and organizations tackling and supporting Climate Change initiatives on the Sunshine Coast. We support the grant application being made by the Connect the Coast Initiative to continue the important work of developing a safe and multi-use pathway adjacent to Highway 101.

SCCAN recognizes that developing a robust and sustainable active transportation system is an important piece in the effort to deal with the Climate Crisis, which is now impacting all of our lives in devastating ways. Highway 101 is a major barrier to people who want to get around the Sunshine Coast by bike or on foot because it has heavy, fast moving traffic and no separation of pedestrians and cyclists from motor vehicle traffic. This particularly impacts vulnerable people in our communities, as well as those without cars or who don't drive.

As a tourist destination, the Sunshine Coast increases its population substantially during the summer season. A well-defined multi-use path would allow visitors to enjoy the natural beauty of our area in a sustainable and healthful way. In turn, it's important that the process to develop the path respects or improves the condition of the natural surroundings, such as creeks and fish-bearing streams.

The Connect the Coast project provides an opportunity to begin transforming how people get around on the Sunshine Coast. This infrastructure would provide safe, alternative transportation choices that people on the Sunshine Coast don't currently enjoy. We encourage you to accept this application as the next step toward this goal.

Sincerely,

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