Chileno Valley Newt Brigade
Volunteer Action Toolkits

Help Secure Funding for a Permanent Wildlife Crossing on Chileno Valley Road

Right now, the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) is deciding how to spend Measure AA transportation funds. This only happens once every six years, and decisions will be finalized in early March.

We are asking TAM to fund a planning grant to design a permanent wildlife crossing under Chileno Valley Road—the step that will make construction possible later.

Your voice matters. **This action takes 10 minutes and collectively creates significant pressure on decision-makers.**

All comments are due by March 9th!

IMPORTANT FIRST PLEASE READ:

It is essential that we get as many people do these actions!

If you need help, please contact ***sallylgale@gmail.com***

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ACTION 1 EMAIL TAM COMMISSIONERS + Public Comment
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Why this matters:
TAM commissioners track public input and consider it when setting funding priorities. Messages from both Marin and non-Marin residents show broad public support.

How to send:

If you live in Marin County:
Step 1. Contact your Representative:

Email your City representative or County Supervisor, who also serves on the TAM Board. Find the TAM Board list here:
https://www.tam.ca.gov/boc/#members

Step 2. Submit Public Comment via email.
Email your public comment to:
info@tam.ca.gov

If you do NOT live in Marin County (e.g., Sonoma County):

Step 1: Submit Public Comment

Email your public comment to:
info@tam.ca.gov

Public Comment Template

Helpful Tips

The template is below. We encourage everyone to make their own personal comments, which are more effective!

The only thing you must keep the same is what is highlighted below, which is the subject line and the last closing sentence.

Subject line:
Public Comment: Include Language for Wildlife Crossings in Measure AA

Sample Email:
Subject: Please Support Wildlife Crossing Funding on Chileno Valley Road

Dear [Commissioner / TAM Board],

I'm writing to urge you to support funding for a planning grant for a permanent wildlife crossing on Chileno Valley Road.

Each year, thousands of animals are killed trying to cross this road to reach Laguna Lake. Volunteers have stepped in to help, but this is not a long-term or scalable solution.

Funding planning now allows wildlife crossing improvements to be included when the road is repaired, saving time and public money later. Measure AA was approved to maintain roads while also protecting environmental quality, and this project clearly does both.

Please include language in the Measure AA reimagine roadways expenditure plan review to address wildlife connectivity as it pertains to roads in Marin County.

Thank you,
[Your Name]

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ACTION 2: Send this Toolkit to 5-10 People!

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The only way this campaign will succeed is if every volunteer who completes the action sends it to their networks!

Grassroots activism works!