



May 27, 2020

Supervisor James Gore
Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
575 Administration Drive, Room 100A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

RE: Letter of Support for a Permanent Bridge on the Russian River at Asti

Dear Supervisor Gore:

The City of Cloverdale City Council is writing to express our support for the design and construction of a permanent bridge crossing on the Russian River connecting the east side of River road with Asti Road and Highway 101.

A permanent bridge crossing on the Russian River at Asti would have a number of positive benefits while reducing economic and environmental impacts associated with the annual installation and removal of a temporary bridge.

1. Installation and removal of a temporary bridge across the Russian River requires a significant ongoing commitment of County road maintenance funds that could otherwise be utilized on important road improvements and maintenance projects that serve the North County region of Sonoma County.
2. The annual process of installing and removing a temporary bridge is costly and has impacts to aquatic and riparian habitat, as well as state and federally listed species. Development of a permanent bridge would reduce potential environmental impacts and minimize the ongoing costs to mitigate environmental impacts associated with the annual installation and removal of a temporary bridge
3. A permanent bridge would provide a safe and effective egress for residents in the case of fire or other emergencies in the eastern Cloverdale area, as well as ingress/egress for fire and medical emergencies. A permanent bridge could help to support emergency response times for our local public safety partners including the County Sheriff, Cloverdale Fire Department and Cloverdale Ambulance.

Thank you for your consideration of the City's support for a permanent bridge on the Russian River at Asti.

Sincerely,

Gus Wolter
Mayor, City of Cloverdale

c: Mr. Johannes Hoevertsz, Director
Sonoma County Department of Transportation and Public Works