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We, the Board of the Friends of Montclair Railroad Trail, are writing to express our support of the Antioch Court Improvement Plan. We think that this project will improve the safety of the area especially to pedestrians. As invested members of the community we recognize this project as a priority for both the Oakland and Montclair communities as existing conditions pose traffic and pedestrian safety issues. The project scope encompasses the repair of neglected street infrastructure and will resolve these issues along with the creation of a community gathering place for Oakland residents and current residents of Montclair. It will serve as a destination gathering space in support of our local merchants and a thriving small business community.

The Antioch Court Improvement Plan has brought the district together and is an example of community building, as well as working towards a common goal for the benefit of Oakland residents and merchants. Infrastructure improvement funding for this project will make an immediate impact on the local economy, the health and vitality of Oakland residents, and create a space that all of Oakland will enjoy.

The Antioch Court Improvement Plan Board of Directors and other community groups have worked since 2010 to ensure that the project is currently at a shovel ready state and ready for construction. This modest project will make a monumental community impact.

We ask for your full support of this improvement plan and to help ensure full funding for the cost of construction.

Thank you,

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