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November 2, 1979

Ms. Adriana Gianturco, Director
State Department of Transportation
1120 N Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Ms. Gianturco:

I have recently been contacted by the local chapter of the American Hiking Society regarding a special request made to Cal-Trans concerning the closure of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

On April 13, 1980, the American Hiking Society will be amassing approximately 10,000 hikers at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco to begin their massive cross-country effort that will end in the spring of 1981 at the Washington Monument.

However, their departure is now in jeopardy.

Unfortunately, the current hiking route plans to have the participants walk across the Bay Bridge on their way Eastward.

In order to get clarification on permit closure of one lane of the Bay Bridge, my office contacted Mr. Dick Gee, Executive Assistant of the local office of the Department of Transportation.

According to Mr. Gee, no permit can be issued to this group, due to problems involving liability and traffic congestion.

Candidly, I feel that Cal-Trans must be more flexible in this issue and allow for their scheduled departure.

The hike could not be more timely. The impending energy problems have forced Americans to turn their attention to low-energy forms of recreation.

The hike will further focus national attention for the need of more trails and foot paths. Today we have 33% fewer miles of usable foot trails than we did 25 years ago.

Ms. Adriana Gianturco

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November 2, 1979

Statistics reveal there are presently 280,000 miles of trails in the United States compared with 325,000 miles in 1945. Nearly 60% of all the trails are on federal lands - and more than 62,000 miles have already been allowed to deteriorate beyond their usefulness as trails.

I know you are personally concerned about the current energy crisis and the necessity to find alternatives to our fast-consuming, oil hungry habits.

I therefore ask that you make an exception to this local policy, given the overall importance of this national hike.

I will be glad to work with your office in any way to facilitate this event.

Should you need any further clarifications on any particular points, please contact Mr. Eric Schockman of my staff at (415) 557-2253.

Sincerely,
Original signed by
ASSEMBLYMAN ART AGNOS
ART AGNOS

AA/ed

bcc: Mr. Mike McReynolds
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November 29, 1979

Ms. Adriana Gianturco, Director
State Department of Transportation
1220 N Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Ms. Gianturco:

The local chapter of the American Hiking Society has contacted me about a special request they made to Cal-Trans for the closure of one lane of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge on Sunday morning, April 13, 1980.

On that morning, an estimated 10,000 hikers will be participating in this first phase of a HikaNation scheduled to cross the entire country ending in Washington, D.C. about 14 months later.

With the ever-increasing energy problems, this is a particularly auspicious time to publicize foot travel as an alternate to high energy-using forms of transportation. The need for additional hiking trails and footpaths can also be highlighted.

My staff was informed that Mr. Dick Gee, Executive Assistant of the local office of the Department of Transportation stated that no permit could be issued for the closure of one lane of the bridge because of problems involving liability and traffic congestion.

While I appreciate these valid concerns, I would urge greater flexibility in this area so that a permit can be issued and the HikaNation depart as planned.

Cordially,

Leo T. McCarthy
Leo T. McCarthy

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Copy to: Mr. Mike McReynolds, Chairman
Bay Area Committee, The American Hiking Society

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
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November 29, 1979

Honorable John A. Nejedly
The State Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Nejedly:

Ms. Gianturco has asked me to respond to your letter of November 13, 1979 which transmitted a letter from The American Hiking Society. The American Hiking Society would like to use a lane of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge on April 13, 1980 as a part of an ocean to ocean hike. Approximately 10,000 hikers would cross the bridge on foot.

Subsequent to receipt of your letter, members of Assemblyman Agnos' staff, the Chairman of the Bay Area Hiking Committee and Caltrans representatives in District 04 met to discuss the proposed event. A clarification of our policy was made and specific requirements for such an event were discussed.

Our Policy does allow the use of all or portions of toll crossings by charitable organizations for fund raising events contingent upon the following:

- . Strong state and local interest and support for the activity is evident.
State interest and support shall be evidenced by a resolution of the State Legislature. Similarly, local support shall be evidenced by a resolution from the local governments directly impacted.
- . The proposed use will not significantly detract from the safe operation of the highway or bridge; will not unreasonably delay or inconvenience the traveling public; and will not expose participants to unusual hazards.

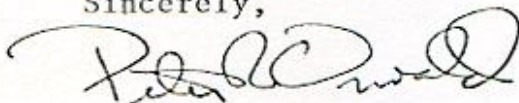
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- . The use does not involve the national interest. (The highway or bridge is not included in the national defense highway system.)
- . Caltrans should cooperate with the event sponsors but shall not be considered sponsors or cosponsors of any event.

As conditions of the permit, the permittee would be required to cover all costs incurred by Caltrans (cones, signing, barricades, etc.), provide an indemnity bond in the amount of \$10 million to cover the state's potential liability and pay the required bridge toll. In addition, the district would specify time and date of use and any other special requirements necessary to maximize safety and minimize traffic disruptions.

As indicated earlier, our District 04 has developed a good rapport with the sponsors of the hike. You are assured of Caltrans' cooperation to help the sponsors of the hike meet essential requirements of our policy or identify alternative routes.

Sincerely,



PETER R. OSWALD
Assistant Director
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S. FLOYD MORI

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December 6, 1979

(557-0410)

Mr. Burch Bachtold
Deputy District Director
Cal Trans
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Dear Mr. Bachtold:

I am writing to you concerning the American Hiking Society's HikaNation event scheduled to begin on April 12, 1980.

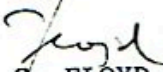
The second day of this hike is to include a walk across the Bay Bridge en route to Tilden Park in Berkeley. Mike McReynolds of the Hiking Society has informed me that for this to happen, the span must be closed to automobile traffic for two hours that Sunday morning.

While realizing that the bridge has never before been open to pedestrians, let me express my support that it be allowed to happen for this event. There are an estimated 10,000 citizens expected to participate in this part of the hike. For all of them to have to take buses across the bridge defeats their main purpose, which is to dramatize the need for Americans to get out of their cars and become involved in hiking and other such outdoor activities.

To close the bridge for these two hours would be a positive gesture on the part of the State, Cal Trans, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors in support of the American Hiking Society's efforts.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration on this issue.

Sincerely,


S. FLOYD MORI

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bcc: Mike McReynolds, Bay Area Chairman

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December 10, 1979

Ms. Adriana Gianturco, Director
State Department of Transportation
1120 N Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Ms. Gianturco:

I understand that the local chapter of the American Hiking Society has made a special request to CalTrans regarding the closure of one lane of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge on April 13, 1980.

On this date (a Sunday), approximately 10,000 hikers from the American Hiking Society will mass in Golden Gate Park to begin their massive cross-country effort that will end in the spring of 1981 at the Washington Monument.

Their current hiking route plans to have the participants walk across the Bay Bridge to begin their journey. Unfortunately, this departure is now being jeopardized by CalTrans's refusal to grant the group a permit for closure of one lane on the Bay Bridge.

I believe I am correct in thinking that not just one lane, but one complete deck, has been closed for short periods of time for recent marathons. Also, almost any day of the week (and weekend) will see at least one lane closed for routine maintenance.

I hope, therefore, that CalTrans can find in itself the flexibility to grant a permit for the closure of one lane on the Bay Bridge for April 13, 1980. This would be an excellent gesture on the part of CalTrans and the State of California, not only to the 10,000 members of the American Hiking Society, but to help bring public awareness to low-energy forms of recreation.

I will be glad to work with your office in any way to help facilitate this event.

Cordially,

MILTON MARKS

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December 6, 1979

Mr. Mike McReynolds
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110 Sutter Street, Suite 1003
San Francisco, California 94104

Dear Mike:

I am enclosing for your records, a copy of the official response Mr. Agnos has received from Cal Trans regarding the closure of the Bay Bridge for the hike.

It looks like all systems are go ... !

Please contact me sometime soon after the elections, so that we may continue to plan strategy.

Sincerely,



ERIC SCHOCKMAN
Administrative Assistant

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Enclosure

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COMMITTEE, MEMBER

December 7, 1979

Mike McReynolds
The American Hiking Society
110 Sutter Street, Suite 1003
San Francisco, CA 94104

Dear Mr. McReynolds:

Enclosed is a copy of the response from the Department of Transportation regarding the use of a lane of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge as part of an ocean to ocean hike.

If we can be of any further assistance, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. NEJEDLY
Senator, 7th District

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Enclosure

Note: Unfortunately the official response seems to be unfound at this time, but the request to close a lane of the bridge was approved.