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AGENDA: APRIL 13, 1999

April 1, 1999

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

701 Ocean Street
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**SUBJECT: 1999 TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES (TEA)
PROJECT SUBMITTAL**

Members of the Board:

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission is requesting applications for eligible projects for Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) grant funding. The TEA funds will be allocated over a six-year period from 1998/1999 through 2003/2004 and approximately \$2,000,000 in funds will be made available to local agencies in the County. A minimum twelve percent non-federal match is required for each project submittal. The Department of Public Works is proposing to submit three project applications for grant funding. Two of these projects are being submitted based on previous direction from your Board.

The first project is the Ben Lomond Streetscape Project. Your Board directed the Department of Public Works to submit a TEA application for this project during the December 8, 1998, Board of Supervisors meeting. The Ben Lomond Streetscape Project is proposed in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) as a jointly planned project that would provide for the completion of curb, gutter, separated sidewalk, street landscaping, and drainage improvements along the Ben Lomond business area on the Highway 9 corridor. A portion of this work was previously completed in front of the Ben Lomond Market when the traffic signal was installed at the lower Mill Street and Highway 9 intersection. The Ben Lomond Streetscape Project would also provide a pedestrian connection with the Ben Lomond Park Promenade that was completed several years ago by the County Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services Department.

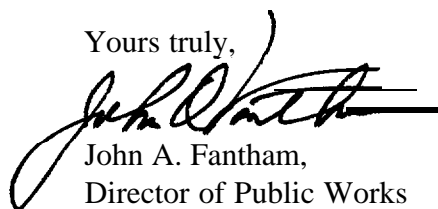
Recently CALTRANS has initiated preliminary design on a left-turn lane project on Highway 9 at the upper Mill Street and Main Street intersections. It is our proposal that the County coordinate the Ben Lomond Streetscape Project with the CALTRANS left-turn lane project. The department will submit a TEA application with a grant request of approximately \$550,000 in funding. The estimated total project cost is approximately \$625,000 with the balance funded from the Road Budget. The Ben Lomond Streetscape Project, in conjunction with the CALTRANS project, will greatly enhance the aesthetics and safety of pedestrian and vehicular traffic in the Ben Lomond area.

The Department of Public Works is recommending the Lake/Fifth Avenue Pedestrian Project as a second submittal for TEA grant funding. The project would provide for a continuous pedestrian pathway on the western side of Lake/Fifth Avenue from Eaton Street to East Cliff Drive. The project would also include street landscaping and some minor parking modifications. The project would provide a scenic walkway that would front along the Santa Cruz Harbor and provide direct pedestrian access to the Twins Lakes State Beach and the businesses in the lower Santa Cruz Harbor area. The project is proposed to be jointly planned by the Department of Public Works, the Redevelopment Agency, and Santa Cruz Harbor. The department will submit a TEA application with a grant request of approximately \$200,000 in funding. The estimated total project cost is \$450,000 with the balance funded with Road Funds and Redevelopment Agency funds.

On March 9, 1999, your Board directed the Department of Public Works to report back during the 1999/2000 budget hearings regarding various Public Works projects to accommodate pedestrian bicycle, and transit service to the County Probation Center. Our department, therefore, is recommending your Board's approval on the proposed submittal of the Graham Hill Pedestrian Project as a third application for TEA grant funding. The Graham Hill Pedestrian Project would consist of the construction of a decomposed granite/soil cement pedestrian pathway along the eastern side of Graham Hill Road from the County Probation Center to the Lockwood Lane intersection. If this project receives TEA funding, it would partially fulfill your Board's direction in completing transportation improvements that would accommodate the County Probation Center. The estimated total project cost is \$200,000 and the TEA application will be submitted for a grant request of \$175,000 with the local match to come from the Carbonera Improvement Area.

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached Resolutions to authorize the Department of Public Works to submit three grant applications for the Ben Lomond Streetscape Project, the Lake/Fifth Avenue Pedestrian Project, and the Graham Hill Pedestrian Project for the 1998/1999 through 2003/2004 TEA Program.

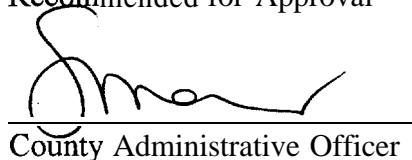
Yours truly,



John A. Fantham,
Director of Public Works

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Recommended for Approval



County Administrative Officer

copy to: Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services Department
Redevelopment Agency,
Public Works

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

On the motion of Supervisor
duly seconded by Supervisor
the following resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FOR THE
TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES (TEA) PROGRAM
FOR THE BEN LOMOND STREETSCAPE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the TEA Program is a federal aid program designed to provide funding for transportation enhancement projects from the Surface Transportation Program; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz will provide a guaranteed minimum twelve percent non-federal matching share for the Ben Lomond Streetscape Project; and

WHEREAS, the Ben Lomond Streetscape Project is considered a significant project because it would greatly enhance the aesthetics and safety of pedestrian and vehicular traffic in the town of Ben Lomond on the Highway 9 corridor; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz, as the Project Adminstrating Agency, certifies that it is willing and able to maintain and operate the Ben Lomond Streetscape Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz:

1. Approve the filing of an application for the Ben Lomond Streetscape Project for the 1998/99 through 2003/04 TEA Program.
2. Appoint John A. Fantham, Director of Public Works, and the Department of Public Works to administer and execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to: application, agreements, amendments, payment requests, etc. which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this _____ day of _____, 1999, by the following vote:

AYES :

NOES:

ABSENT:

Chairperson of said Board

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:

D. McRae 3-30-99
&i&Assistant County Council

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