

County of Santa Cruz

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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AGENDA: AUGUST 10, 1999

July 29, 1999

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, California 95060

SUBJECT: STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES GRANT WILDER RANCH BIKE PATH PROJECT

Members of the Board:

The Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) is requesting grant submittals for the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) Program. This TEA program is a direct application to CALTRANS to fund improvements that enhance the state highway system through the construction of bicycle transportation infrastructure, improving connectivity of bicycle and pedestrian ways, and beautifying highway roadsides. The Department of Public Works believes that the Wilder Ranch Bike Path Project is an ideal candidate project since it is within the state's right of way, it provides a significant bicyclist and pedestrian connection between the city of Santa Cruz and the Wilder Ranch and Grey Whale Ranch State Parks, and lastly it provides for improved public safety by removing bicyclists from the main Highway 1 corridor.

The Department of Public Works proposes to submit an application for \$150,000 in funding to supplement previous funding that was acquired for the Wilder Ranch Bike Path Project. The current construction cost estimate has been adjusted **from** a 1998 cost estimate to account for increasing construction costs, environmental mitigation, geotechnical engineering work, and archeological work. The current construction cost estimate is approximately \$800,000 and current funds are comprised of CALTRANS' Minor A funds, Intermodal Surface Transportation Enhancement Act (ISTEA) funds, and Transportation Development Act grants (TDA).

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Department of Public Works to submit an application for the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Activities Grant Program.

Yours truly,

JOHN A. FANTHAM Director of Public Works

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Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

County Administrative Officer

copy to: 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 THE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES GRANT

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) is the administrating agency of the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Activities Program, which provides funding to enhance the state highway system through the construction of bicycle transportation infrastructure, improving connectivity of bicycle and pedestrian ways, and beautifying highway roadsides; and

WHEREAS, the Wilder Ranch Bike Path Project is considered a significant recreational project because it will provide for a Class I bicyclist and pedestrian connection from the city of Santa Cruz to the Wilder Ranch and Grey Whale Ranch State Parks; and

WHEREAS, the Wilder Ranch Bike Path Project will provide for significant safety improvements by removing mainline bicyclists off of State Route 1 between the city of Santa Cruz and the Wilder Ranch and Grey Whale Ranch State Parks; and

WHEREAS, the Wilder Ranch Bike Path Project provides a significant contribution to the completion of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Trail, the Pacific Coast **Bikeways** Plan, the 1998 County **Bikeway** Plan, the 1994 County General Plan and Local Coastal Plan, and the 1996 Congestion Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, with the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Activities grant program assistance, the County will utilize the funds to complete the construction of the Wilder Ranch Bike Path Project; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz has agreed to design and construct the Wilder Ranch Bike Path Project, and the Department of Transportation has agreed to accept control and maintain the project, as determined from Cooperative Agreement No. 05-CA-0091.

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

- 1. Approve the proposed filing of an application to the Department of Transportation for a Statewide Transportation Enhancement Activities Grant for the Wilder Ranch Bike Path Project.
- 2. Appoint John A. Fantham, Director of Public Works, and the Department of Public Works, administrating applicant to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to: applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, etc., which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

Cruz, State of		Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa 1999, by the following vote:	
AYES:	SUPERVISORS		
NOES:	SUPERVISORS		
ABSENT:	SUPERVISORS		
		Chairperson of said Board	
ATTEST: Clerk of said Board			
Approved as to form:			
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