



# County of Santa Cruz

0229

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

701 OCEAN STREET, ROOM 410, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060-4070  
(831) 454-2160 FAX (831) 454-2385 TDD (831) 454-2123

JOHN A. FANTHAM  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

### AGENDA: NOVEMBER 16, 1999

November 4, 1999

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

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES PROGRAM FUNDING  
FOR EAST CLIFF DRIVE BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY PROJECT

Members of the Board:

Along with other revenues, the East Cliff Drive bike and pedestrian pathway project includes \$195,000 in funding from the 1996-97 cycle of the Transportation Enhancement Activities program (TEA). Funding from this cycle must be allocated for construction by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) prior to June 2000 or the money will be forfeited to other state programs.

Final design and construction of the pathway project cannot occur until after a coastal protection project has been completed in the same area, and the coastal protection project has been delayed due to environmental and community design process issues. Because the pathway project will not be ready for funding allocation by the CTC before next June, the County currently faces the loss of these TEA funds.

In order to preserve the \$195,000 in TEA funding for the pathway project, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission has proposed that the County's funding be exchanged with a portion of the City of Watsonville's 1999-2000 cycle TEA funding for its Downtown Watsonville Pedestrian Improvements project. The City's project is expected to be ready for an allocation vote by the CTC prior to June 2000, and so the City would be able to use the funding from the earlier TEA cycle. In exchange, the County would receive the equal dollar amount in funding from the 1999-2000 cycle, which would be available for an additional three years, allowing completion of the design and construction of the pathway project in conjunction with the coastal protection improvements. If the City's project is delayed and does not receive its allocation vote prior to next June, the County would still lose the \$195,000.

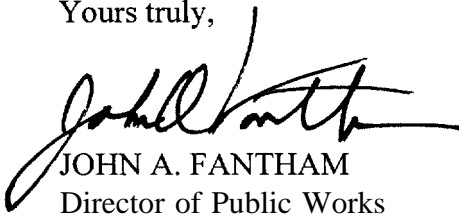
40

In order to effect the exchange of funding, Transportation Commission staff has prepared the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Commission, the County and the City of Watsonville. In addition to the approval of the MOU by all three parties, the exchange of money will also have to be approved by the CTC, including a revision to the State Transportation Improvement Program. The Transportation Commission has initiated this request to the CTC, and it has been tentatively scheduled for consideration at the CTC's January 2000 meeting.

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors take the following action:

1. Approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Santa Cruz, the City of Watsonville, and the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission for exchange of Transportation Enhancement Activities program funding.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the County.

Yours truly,

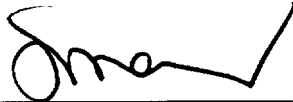


JOHN A. FANTHAM  
Director of Public Works

CDR:cdr

Attachment

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



County Administrative Officer

copy to:       Regional Transportation Commission  
                   City of Watsonville  
                   Redevelopment Department  
                   Public Works Department

Memorandum of Understanding

**Regarding the Transfer of  
Transportation Enhancement Activities Act Funding**  
Between the City of Watsonville  
the County of Santa Cruz and  
the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

Representatives of the undersigned agencies hereby agree to the following:

1. The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission will request a State Transportation Improvement Program amendment to shift \$195,000 in state Transportation Enhancement Activities program (TEA) funds from the *East Cliff Bike/Pedestrian Path* to the *Downtown Watsonville Pedestrian Improvements*. The intent of this amendment is to avoid the loss of the statewide TEA funds which will lapse if no eligible project requests an allocation of the funds by June, 2000.
2. The City of Watsonville, sponsor of the *Downtown Watsonville Pedestrian Improvements*, intends to request an allocation of \$195,000 in state TEA funds for this project at the June, 2000 California Transportation Commission meeting. To make this request, the City of Watsonville will need to file an allocation request form and checklist with the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission no later than March 15, 2000. In addition, environmental review and right-of-way certifications for the project must be completed by April 9, 2000. The contract must be awarded within 12 months of the allocation, and the project must be constructed within 36 months of the contract award.
3. The City of Watsonville currently has a grant award for \$211,000 in regional TEA funds for the *Downtown Watsonville Pedestrian Improvements* project. If the City of Watsonville successfully obtains an allocation of \$195,000 in state TEA funds for the *Downtown Watsonville Pedestrian Improvements* project (as discussed in Item 2), this project will retain only \$16,000 of its original grant award of regional TEA funds. The City of Watsonville is responsible for applying to Caltrans for an allocation of these regional TEA funds. The remaining \$195,000 in regional TEA funds will be transferred to the *East Cliff Bike/Pedestrian Path* project for the 1999/00 fiscal year. Spending deadlines will apply per the FY99/00 grant award date. The County of Santa Cruz is responsible for applying to Caltrans for these regional TEA funds.

4. The project trade is being made to preserve funds for the East- *Cliff Bike/Pedestrian Path* Project. The City of Watsonville is cooperating in this trade to assist in the preservation of funding for this project. It is therefore the intent of the undersigned parties that the Downtown *Watsonville Pedestrian Improvements* project be held harmless in this transaction. If the City of Watsonville is unable to request or obtain the \$195,000 allocation of state TEA funds for the *Downtown Watsonville Pedestrian Improvements* before the funds revert to the Conservation Lands Program, the City of Watsonville project will retain its original FY1999/00 grant of \$211,000 in regional TEA funds and all spending deadlines will apply per the FY99/00 grant award date. Under this circumstance the County of Santa Cruz will lose state TEA funding for the *East Cliff Bike/Pedestrian Path* and will be responsible for obtaining any funding needed to construct the project.

\_\_\_\_\_  
John Fantham, Director  
County of Santa Cruz  
Public Works Department

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carlos J. Palacios, City Manager  
City of Watsonville

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Linda Wilshusen, Ex. Director  
Santa Cruz County Regional  
Transportation Commission

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Approved as to form:

*D. McRae 11-4-99*  
Chief Assistant County Counsel