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AGENDA: DECEMBER 14, 1999

December 2, 1999

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, California 95060

SUBJECT: BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT GRANT APPLICATION
WILDER RANCH BIKE PATH PROJECT

Members of the Board:

The Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) is requesting grant applications for the Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA). The BTA is a CALTRANS program that funds improvement projects that enhance the state highway system through the construction of bicycle transportation infrastructure, provides for connectivity of bicycle and pedestrian ways, improves bikeway safety, and provides for the functional commuting needs of employees, students, business people, and shoppers. The Department of Public Works believes that the Wilder Ranch Bike Path Project is an ideal candidate project because 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 mainline Highway 1 corridor.

The Department of Public Works proposes to submit an application for \$100,000 in grant funding to supplement previous funding that has been acquired by our department. The total project cost, including design, environmental review, construction, construction inspection, and biotic and archeological mitigation plans, is estimated at \$950,000. Previous funding includes \$300,000 from a CALTRANS Minor A grant, \$354,006 from a Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program grant, and \$89,000 from previous Transportation Development Act grants. The remaining costs will consist of other grant sources and local funding.

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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 1999/2000 Bicycle Transportation Account Grant.

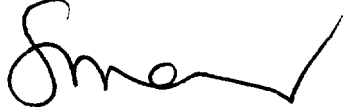
Yours truly,


JOHN A. FANTHAM *By TB.*
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

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR THE
BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT GRANT

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) is the administering agency of the Bicycle Transportation Account, which provides funding for local agencies for improving safety and convenience for bicycle commuters; and

WHEREAS, at least 10 percent of the project's costs will be local costs; and

WHEREAS, the Wilder Ranch Bike Path Project is considered a significant recreational project in the County of Santa Cruz because it will provide for a Class I bicyclist, pedestrian, and equestrian 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 State Route 1 between the city of Santa Cruz and the Wilder Ranch and Grey Whale 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 and the Pacific Coast Bikeways Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Wilder Ranch Bike Path Project is consistent with the 1998 County Bike Plan, the 1994 County General Plan and Local Coastal Plan, the 1996 Congestion Mitigation Plan, and the 1996 Regional Transportation Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, with the Bicycle Transportation Account 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 CALTRANS has agreed to accept control and maintain the project, as determined by 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 Bicycle Transportation Account 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.

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: SUPERVISORS

NOES: SUPERVISORS

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

Chairperson of said Board

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:


Assistant County Counsel

Distribution: County Counsel
Public Works