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# County of Santa Cruz

## PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES

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BARRY C. SAMUEL, DIRECTOR

March 21, 2000

AGENDA:

April 4, 2000

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY  
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM AND CONGESTION  
MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
SCOTT CREEK BEACH ACCESS ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

Dear Members of the Board:

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) is requesting applications for the Transportation Equity Act of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21) Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program for fiscal years 2001/02 and 2002/03. For this application period, \$7.0 million is available for STP transportation projects and \$4.1 million for CMAQ projects. In addition, there has been \$1,000,000 in funds set aside for projects that can be delivered in fiscal year 2000/01.

On January 26, 2000, the Santa Cruz County Planning Commission approved staff recommendations to approve the Coastal Zone and Development Permit Application, and the Certification of the Final Supplemental EIR, for the Scott Creek Beach Access and Habitat Restoration Project. On February 17, 2000, the Department of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services received the actual Coastal Zone and Development Permit.

*The Mission of the Santa Cruz County Department of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services is to provide safe, well designed and maintained parks and a wide variety of recreational and cultural opportunities for our diverse community*

Since the inception of this project, the extensive CEQA and NEPA review along with the multiple agency coordination has delayed the project, thus increasing the actual cost of development. In addition, compliance with the newly issued permit conditions has increased the cost for the development of the Scott Creek Beach Access and Restoration Project. Unfortunately, the department has just received notification that the County was unsuccessful in securing additional funding for the project from the Coastal Resources Grant Program. 0450

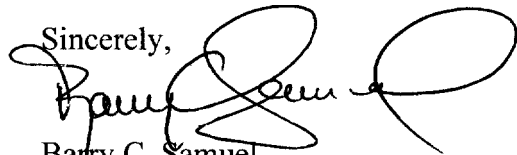
To rectify the funding short fall, the department has submitted a grant application in the amount of \$163,000 to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, for the STP and CMAQ Grant Program. Since the project will be ready to bid by June of this year, the project would qualify for grant funding programed for FY 2000/01.

The department was not on the initial grant funding notification list which led to a reduced time frame in which the department could apply for funding. In order to meet the grant application deadline of March 8, 2000, the department submitted the application with the intent of following through at a later date with the Board Resolution authorizing the submission of the grant application.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board take the following action:

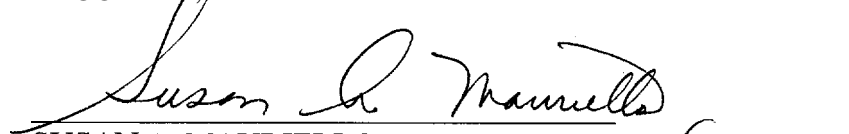
1. Approve the filing of the grant application to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission for the Scott Creek Beach Access Enhancement Project.
2. Adopt the attached resolution approving the grant application and recommended project, for submittal to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission for the Surface Transportation and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program.

Sincerely,



Barry C. Samuel  
Director

RECOMMENDED:



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO  
County Administrative Officer

Attachments: Grant Application, Authorizing Resolution

cc: CAO, Auditor-Controller, Office of the County Counsel, SCCRTC, POSCS

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 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION  
PROGRAM AND CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR  
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT APPLICATION FOR:

SCOTT CREEK BEACH ACCESS ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program is a federal program designed to provide funding for local agencies to improve roadways and promote projects to improve air quality: and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz has a significant Capital Improvement Program project that meets the application criteria for the STP and CMAQ Improvement Program: and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz local and/or matching funds, i.e. Coastal Conservancy Grant, County General Fund, Off-Road Vehicle Funds, included in the application are secured for the proposed STP/CMAQ Improvement Project.

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

3. Approve the filing of the grant application for the Surface Transportation/ Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Programs for fiscal years 2000/2001, 2001/2002 and 2002/2003, for the Scott Creek Beach Access Enhancement Project.
4. Appoint Barry C. Samuel, Director of the Department of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services, administering agent applicant to 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.

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 2000, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS

NOES: SUPERVISORS

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson of said Board

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Office of the County Counsel

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