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AGENDA: 2/6/01

January 25, 2001

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: HARKINS SLOUGH ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT - HIGHWAY BRIDGE
REPLACEMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Members of the Board:

The Santa Cruz County Public Works Department and the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) recently secured a Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (HBRR) Program grant for \$3.2 million to replace an existing culvert crossing with a bridge structure on Harkins Slough Road. The proposed bridge project site is located directly south of the Highway 1 overpass on Harkins Slough Road at the Struve Slough crossing. The City of Watsonville has made a request to the County and CALTRANS to allow the City to assume lead agency responsibility for construction of the bridge project and administration of the HBRR Program grant.

The City's interest in the bridge project is due primarily to their continuing support for the development of an appropriate pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular access to the New Millennium High School campus that is proposed to be located off of Harkins Slough Road south of the Highway 1. Currently, Harkins Slough Road is one of several potential access roads to the new high school that has been studied by the Pajaro Valley Unified School District in its New Millennium High School Site Access Feasibility Study. The feasibility study also included a comprehensive review of four other alternative road connections via a southwest extension of Airport Boulevard from Highway 1 to the proposed high school site.

Regardless of the access route selected as the preferred access alternative to the new high school, the County will retain the authority to certify the environmental review and coastal permit

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for the bridge project since it is within the County's right-of-way. In addition, the City of Watsonville must also acquire an encroachment permit prior to constructing the project. CALTRANS has requested a resolution from our Board supporting the transfer of the lead agency responsibility for the grant from the County to the City of Watsonville. A proposed resolution is attached.

Accordingly, I recommend that the Board adopt the attached resolution approving the transfer of lead agency responsibility from the County of Santa Cruz to the City of Watsonville for purposes of assuming project management of the Harkins Slough Road Bridge Project and administrator of the HBRR Program grant.

Sincerely yours,



TONY CAMPOS, Supervisor
Fourth District

TC:ted
Attachment

cc: City of Watsonville Public Works Department
Planning Department
Public Works Department
Bill Tyler, CALTRANS

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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 A CHANGE IN LEAD AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THE HARKINS SLOUGH ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Public Works Department and the State of California Department of Transportation have successfully secured a \$3.2 million Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (HBRR) Program grant for the Harkins Slough Road Bridge Project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Watsonville has made a request to assume lead agency responsibility for construction of the Harkins Slough Road Bridge Project and administration of the HBRR Program grant.

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

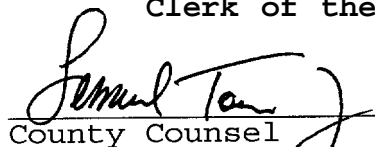
1. Approves the transfer of the lead agency responsibility for project management of the Harkins Slough Road Bridge Project and administration of the HBRR Program grant to the City of Watsonville.
2. Directs the Department of Public Works to forward a copy of this resolution to the State of California Department of Transportation for approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this _____ day of _____, 2001, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS
NOES: SUPERVISORS
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of the Board

 1/26/01
County Counsel

Distribution: City of Watsonville Public Works Department
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