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AGENDA: MAY 7, 2002

May 1, 2002

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
701 Ocean Street
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SUBJECT: FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A BIKE TRAIL
IN THE SAN LORENZO RIVER WATERSHED

Members of the Board:

On November 6, 2001, the Board authorized the Public Works Department to apply for grant funds to conduct a feasibility study for improved bike trails in the San Lorenzo River watershed from Santa Cruz to Boulder Creek. At that time your Board also directed Public Works to return on or before May 7, 2002, with a report on the outcome of the application process.

On November 16, 2001, the Public Works Department submitted a joint application with the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy to the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) for a Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant. The project feasibility study cost is estimated at \$178,000 and is comprised of a local in-kind match of \$38,000 (tentatively identified as Transportation Development Act funds) and a grant amount of \$140,000. CALTRANS recently notified the County that the grant has been tentatively approved. Once Public Works receives an official notification and the Transportation Development Act funding has been approved by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (Transportation Commission), our department will proceed with coordinating the request for proposals to hire a consultant to initiate the feasibility study. The study will be a cooperative effort between the Public Works Department, the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, the San Lorenzo Valley Trail Committee, the Transportation Commission, and other stakeholders. Although there is no certainty regarding when Public Works will be notified officially that the grant has been awarded, and the time frame for preparing a request for proposals will be contingent upon a collaborative effort of stakeholders, Public Works will provide a status report to your Board on or before August 6, 2002, based upon a tentative schedule for the project.

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

1. Accept and file this report on the status of the feasibility study for improved bike trails in the San Lorenzo River watershed.
2. Direct Public Works to return to the Board on or before August 6, 2002, with a status report on this project.

Yours truly,

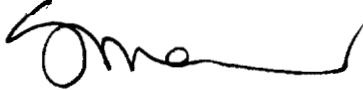


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RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



County Administrative Officer

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