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AGENDA: MAY 21, 2002

May 10, 2002

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

701 Ocean Street
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SUBJECT: 2002/2003 AB 2766 MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS REDUCTION
GRANT PROGRAM

Members of the Board:

The Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (MBUAPCD) administers the AB 2766 Motor Vehicle Emissions Reduction Grant Program. The program provides funds for projects which reduce air pollution from motor vehicles and related planning, monitoring, enforcement, and technical studies to implement the California Clean Air Act. The MBUAPCD is seeking project applications which would reduce motor vehicle emissions or would build, operate, or demonstrate emission-reducing infrastructure.

In the past five years the MBUAPCD has awarded approximately \$300,000 to the Department of Public Works for various projects throughout Santa Cruz County, such as construction of bike lanes, an electric bike commuter incentive program, a bike commute program, and a van pool vehicle. The purpose of this letter is to request your Board's approval for the submission of a grant application for fiscal year 2002/03 to provide \$100,000 in funding for continuing the Electric Bike Commuter Incentive Program operated by Ecology Action. A draft copy of the grant application is on file with the Clerk of the Board. Our department's administrative costs to process this grant are expected to be funded with Transportation Development Act funds.

The Electric Bike Commuter Incentive Program was established two years ago with funding from both the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) and the MBUAPCD. The SCCRTC has sponsored this program with a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant from the federal government for the past few years. The Department of Public Works sponsored a previous MBUAPCD grant to fund the program for fiscal year 2000/01 and 2001/02. Ecology Action will successfully complete the MBUAPCD grant by June 30, 2002, and will need to continue the funding for the program starting in spring 2003. The project has consisted of providing a series of incentives for residents to switch from single occupancy vehicles to electric bikes for regular commutes. Specific commute corridors have been targeted to

relieve as much congestion as possible during peak travel times. This program has allowed your Board and the SCCRTC to establish the long-term value of a permanent Electric Bike Commuter Incentive Program in Santa Cruz County. As of March 31, 2002, 624 Santa Cruz County residents have received bicycle safety training in order to qualify for the rebate to purchase an electric bike through the program. Of these, 515 have purchased electric bikes and are using them regularly throughout the county. Ecology Action is continuing to follow up data on the new electric bike riders to assure that the program is meeting its goals in terms of target audience and traffic congestion relief.

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution approving the application for \$100,000 in funds from the AB 2766 program for the Electric Bike Commuter Incentive Program.

Yours truly,

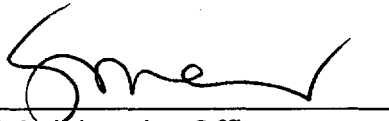


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Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



County Administrative Officer

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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 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
TO MAKE GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE
MONTEREY BAY UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002/2003 GRANT FUNDS FROM THE AB2766 MOTOR VEHICLE
EMISSIONS REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District is the
administrating agency of the AB 2766 Grant Program for mobile source emission reduction
projects; and

WHEREAS, the Electric Bike Commuter Incentive Program would allow a
significant improvement to vehicular emissions.

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

1. Approve the filing of grant applications to the Monterey Bay Unified Air
Pollution Control District for the Electric Bike Commuter Incentive Program.
2. Appoint Thomas L. Bolich, Director of Public Works, and the Department of
Public Works administrating agency 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 _____ 2002, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS

NOES: SUPERVISORS

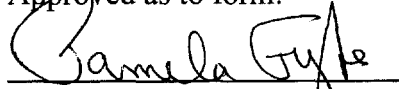
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

Chairperson of said Board

ATTEST: _____

Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:



Assistant County Counsel

Distribution: County Counsel
Public Works

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