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AGENDA: AUGUST 6, 2002

July 25, 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 June 3, 2002, the County received notification from the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) that our grant application for the San Lorenzo Valley Trail Feasibility Study in the amount of \$140,000 has been approved (see attached). The total cost of the study is estimated at \$178,000, with the additional \$35,000 tentatively identified as Transportation Development Act funds, and \$3,000 of in-kind contributions from the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (see attached).

We must now enter into a contract with CALTRANS for the Community-Based Transportation Planning funds. On November 6, 2001, your Board authorized the Public Works Director to execute the contract, as part of the grant application approval process. Once the contract is executed, costs for the project will be reimbursable.

Our department will then 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 Department of Public Works, the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, the San Lorenzo Valley Trail Committee, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, and other stakeholders. The Department of Public Works will provide a status report to your Board on or before December 10, 2002.

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

1. Accept and file the 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 December 10, 2002, with a status report on this project.

Yours truly,

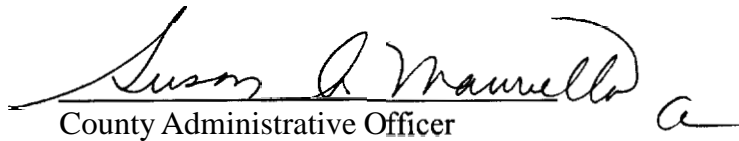


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Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:


County Administrative Officer

copy to: Public Works Department

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WORK ELEMENT OR PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

Work Element _____ San Lorenzo Valley Trail Feasibility Study (Santa Cruz Co.)

Objective

To conduct a feasibility study in the San Lorenzo Valley that will assess opportunities and constraints, identify conceptual routes and transit connections develop design and maintenance standards, and produce an implementation schedule that will be adopted by the County Board of Supervisors and the Regional Transportation Commission.

Discussion

The feasibility study to establish a trail system in the San Lorenzo Valley has been identified as a need in the Transportation Commission Regional Transportation Plan. In addition, the community of the San Lorenzo Valley has organized and requested a trail system that could be utilized by children, residents, commuters and tourists. The project aims to create a continuous network of safe bicycle and pedestrian accommodations that would link the townships of Boulder Creek, Brookdale, Ben Lomond, Felton, the city of Santa Cruz, schools, State parks, businesses and residential neighborhoods.

Previous Work Completed

A San Lorenzo Valley Bike Trails Committee has convened several times to discuss the need for a bike trail system in the San Lorenzo Valley (see attached list of representatives, agenda and needs survey). Routes and linkages have been discussed on a preliminary basis. In addition, the Regional Transportation Commission has identified a bike trail system for the San Lorenzo Valley in its Regional Transportation Plan.

Tasks

	<u>% of Work</u>	<u>Cost \$</u>
____.01 Consultant Selection/ Management / Meetings	18%	\$30,386
____.02 Inventory	21%	\$39,168
____.03 Opportunities/Constraints	14%	24,967
____.04 Conceptual Routes and Transit Connections	26%	\$45,710
____.05 Implementation	10%	\$18,559
____.06 Report	11%	\$19,211
TOTAL	100%	

Products

1. Consultant selected
2. Existing Condition paper.
3. Second paper that will include benefits and needs analysis and opportunities and challenges.
4. Conceptual routes with a discussion on the preferred alternative and the evaluation process.
5. Implementation analysis.
6. Reports and Maps, Meetings and presentations.

Revenues

Expenditures

Rails to Trails (In-Kind)	\$3,000 (2%)	PWs Administration	\$15,000 (8%)
Transportation Development Act	\$35,000 (20%)	Rails-To-Trails	\$33,000 (19 %)
CBTP	\$140,000 (78%)	Consultant	\$130,000 (73%)
Total	\$178,000 (100%)		\$178,000 (100%)

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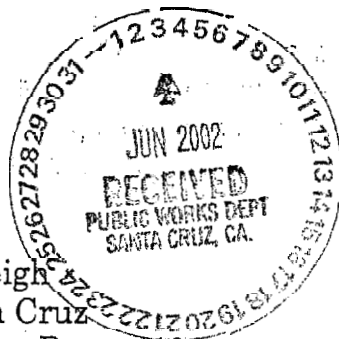
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May 24, 2002

Mr. John Presleigh
 County of Santa Cruz
 701 Ocean Street, Room 410
 Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Mr. Presleigh:

Your Transportation Planning Project titled: San Lorenzo Valley Trail Feasibility Study in the amount of \$140,000 State Highway Account Community-Based Transportation Planning funds has been approved for the 2001/2002 fiscal year (FY).

A condition of the grant award is updating your scope of work and project schedule as needed. Please do not incur any reimbursable costs until you have a signed contract, with the California Department of Transportation (Department). Within the next two weeks, Department staff will contact you regarding upcoming grant implementation training.

For your information, 2002/2003 FY grant applications are now available for Environmental Justice – Context Sensitive Planning for Communities, with a due date of July 17, 2002.

If you have any immediate questions, contact Leigh Levine of the Department's Division of Transportation Planning, at (916) 651-6012.

Sincerely,

BRIAN J. SMITH

Deputy Director

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