




COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Department of Public Works



DATE: March 26, 2012
BOARD MEETING DATE: April 24, 2012
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works 

SUBJECT: California Department of Transportation Bicycle Transportation Account Grant Resolution for the Crystal Springs Regional Trail South of Dam Project

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works or his designee to:

1. Apply for and accept a California Department of Transportation Bicycle Transportation Account grant in the amount of \$300,000 for the Crystal Springs Regional Trail South of Dam Project; and
2. Execute any other documents associated with acceptance of the grant funding from the California Department of Transportation in the amount of \$300,000; and
3. Certify that the Department of Public Works has sufficient grant matching funds from eligible sources and the Park Acquisition and Development Fund to finance 100% of the project.

BACKGROUND:

The California Department of Transportation administers the Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA). The BTA provides grants to State and local governments for projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters. The program is intended to provide safe commute and recreational opportunities between homes, stores, work, parks, and other destinations through expansion of the local bicycle network.

DISCUSSION:

With over 300,000 visitors annually, the Crystal Springs Regional Trail is one of the most popular non-motorized multiple-use trails in the Bay Area. The Crystal Springs Regional Trail South of Dam Project (Project) in conjunction with other planned projects will help complete an uninterrupted non-motorized trail from the City of San Bruno to the Town of Woodside for pedestrians, equestrians, roller skaters, and cyclists. The Project, which is

located just south of the Crystal Springs Dam and ends just north of Highway 92 on Skyline Boulevard, will take an existing San Francisco Watershed service road and convert it to a 0.84 mile paved trail along the Crystal Springs Reservoir. The future trail will meander along the natural contours above the reservoir offering stunning views across the watershed of the coastal range. Benches, restroom facility, entry, informational and regulatory signs, kiosks, removable bollards, habitat fencing, gates, trash and recycling receptacles will be added to support the visitor experience.

Once complete, this segment of the Crystal Springs Trail will be maintained by existing park staff currently operating and maintaining other segments of this regional trail. It is anticipated that funding will be available in the FY 2013/14 Parks budget when this new trail segment is opened.

The California Department of Transportation requires that an applicant submit a resolution adopted by the local agency's board committing to the required ten percent local match.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form. The resolution includes assurances which State Parks requires the Board to adopt.

Approval of this Resolution contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community as construction of a new Crystal Springs Regional Trail section increases the number and quality of natural experiences for County Park visitors. Each visitor that experiences the County's natural resources gains a greater appreciation of the need for their preservation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The request for California Department of Transportation Bicycle Transportation Account funds will help secure full funding for the Project's estimated cost of \$1,125,000. The Department of Public Works has secured a California State Parks Recreational Trail Program grant of \$350,000, a Coastal Conservancy grant of \$250,000, and a California State Parks Land and Water Conservation Fund grant \$225,000 for the project. These other grant funding sources will be used as the 10% match for this grant. The work will only begin after full project funding has been secured.

There is no impact to the General Fund.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS OR HIS DESIGNEE TO:

- 1. APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FOR THE CRYSTAL SPRINGS REGIONAL TRAIL SOUTH
OF DAM PROJECT; AND**
- 2. EXECUTE ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH ACCEPTANCE OF
THE GRANT FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000; AND**
- 3. CERTIFY THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HAS SUFFICIENT
GRANT MATCHING FUNDS FROM ELIGIBLE SOURCES AND THE PARK
ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND TO FINANCE 100% OF THE PROJECT.**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of
California, that

WHEREAS, the Streets and Highway Code, Bicycle Transportation Account
provides funds for grants to local agencies for projects that improve safety and
convenience for bicycle commuters; and

WHEREAS, the State of California, Bicycle Facilities Unit, has the responsibility
for the administration of the program with the State, setting up necessary procedures;
and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County Department of Public Works proposes to
complete an important segment of the Crystal Springs Regional Trail system that is
included in the San Mateo County Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County, if awarded a grant, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to complete the project; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Director of Public Works or his designee are hereby authorized to:

- 1) Apply for and accept a \$300,000 California Department of Transportation Bicycle Transportation Account grant; and
- 2) Execute any other documents associated with the acceptance of the grant funding from the California Department of Transportation in the amount of \$300,000; and
- 3) Certify that the Department of Public Works has sufficient grant matching funds from eligible sources and Park Acquisition and Development Fund to finance 100% of the project.

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