



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager



Date: July 14, 2016

Board Meeting Date: August 9, 2016

Special Notice / Hearing: None

Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager

Subject: Amendment to the Agreement for Acquisition of Real Property at Poplar Beach Park in the City of Half Moon Bay

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the President of the Board of Supervisors to execute an Amendment to the Agreement for Acquisition of Real Property at Poplar Beach Park to allow the City of Half Moon Bay to relocate the Seymour Bridge.

BACKGROUND:

On January 30, 1996, the County and City of Half Moon Bay (City) executed an Agreement for Acquisition of Real Property (Agreement) transferring ownership of approximately 45 acres of Poplar Beach Park to the City. The intent of the Agreement was to enable the City to utilize the property as a recreational park and open space. Furthermore, the Agreement required the City to maintain a segment of the California Coastal Trail (Trail) over the adjacent County-owned property (Property). Pursuant to the Agreement, the City is responsible for all improvements, maintenance, and liability associated with the Trail; including the Seymour Bridge. The City is also required to receive County approval before making any changes to the Trail.

On July 28, 1999, the County and City executed the First Amendment to the Agreement transferring ownership of approximately three additional acres, including the Poplar Street parking lot, from the County to the City to support public access, and requiring the City to maintain the Trail and Seymour Bridge at the then-approved location.

On January 7, 2003, the County and City executed the Second Amendment to the Agreement which clarified the City's obligation to "maintain, operate, and assume all responsibility for the condition of the unpaved public bluff top trail" over the Property includes the right to make improvements to that portion of the Trail.

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DISCUSSION:

Seymour Ditch, an erosion gully, is continually eroding, threatening the stability of the Seymour Bridge and safety of those who use it. With the risk of further erosion caused by future rains and the existing bridge structure approaching the end of its useful life, the City has decided to replace and relocate the Seymour Bridge to a more stable location.

The agreement specifies that any relocation of the Trail or Seymour Bridge must receive County approval prior to construction. As the City is proposing to relocate the bridge approximately 135 feet east of its existing location, the proposed Third Amendment to the Agreement, modifying Section 8.1(b)(ii), will provide the County's consent.

The amendment maintains the City's responsibility to operate, maintain, and hold liability for all improvements and receive County approval before making any future changes to the Trail or Seymour Bridge.

Approval of the amendment contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Collaborative Community by working with the City of Half Moon Bay to maintain a critical segment of the California Coastal Trail for residents and tourists.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the General Fund.