



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Parks



Date: January 7, 2014

Board Meeting Date: January 28, 2014

Special Notice / Hearing: None

Vote Required: 4/5ths

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Marlene Finley, Director

Subject: San Mateo County Transportation Authority Measure A Pedestrian and Bicycle Program Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION:

- A) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application for \$500,000 to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority's Measure A Pedestrian and Bicycle Program to conduct the planning and permitting of the Midcoast Multi-Modal Trail; and
- B) Resolution authorizing an Appropriation Transfer Request in the amount of \$50,000 from ERAF Reserves to the Parks Acquisition and Development budget for a 10% local cash match for any requested funds awarded (4/5ths vote required).

BACKGROUND:

Between 2009 and 2012, the County of San Mateo (County) oversaw the development of the Highway 1 Safety and Mobility Study (Study). The Study, established through an extensive public outreach and engagement process, identified and prioritized the greatest mobility needs along the Highway 1 corridor. The Study was conducted in two phases: Phase 1 encompassed Princeton, El Granada, and Miramar and Phase 2 encompassed Moss Beach and Montara.

One of the projects identified and prioritized in the Study is a multi-modal commuter trail adjacent to Highway 1 throughout the Midcoast (Midcoast Multi-Modal Trail). With few sidewalks and accessible trails, pedestrians and bicyclist have to utilize roadways and the highway shoulder when traveling throughout the Midcoast and to the City of Half Moon Bay. Traffic during peak commute hours and weekends makes traveling throughout the coastside difficult and time-consuming. Residents and visitors are forced to walk or bicycle on Highway 1's shoulder or wait in highway traffic to access businesses, recreational opportunities or complete simple daily tasks. By connecting

the Midcoast Multi-Modal Trail and Half Moon Bay's multi-modal commuter trail, the Naomi Patridge Trail, the County will establish a seamless, regional pedestrian and bicycle commuter trail system on the coastside.

DISCUSSION:

The County is seeking \$500,000 from the San Mateo County Transportation Authority's Measure A Pedestrian and Bicycle Program to conduct the planning and permitting of the first segment of the Midcoast Multi-Modal Trail. This segment will span from Mirada Road, the City-County line, north to Coronado Street in El Granada by way of Highway 1's eastern right-of-way.

This regional pedestrian and bicycle commuter trail will provide a safe way of travel throughout the southern Midcoast and Half Moon Bay. With this trail, residents and visitors will be able to safely walk or bicycle to and from businesses, recreational opportunities, residences and schools in Half Moon Bay, El Granada, Princeton, and Miramar. The community prioritized the Midcoast Multi-Modal Trail for the convenience and safety it will provide pedestrians and bicyclist while traveling throughout the coastside.

Pursuant to the Midcoast Update to the County's Local Coastal Program, Highway 1's level of service on the Midcoast is an E or F, depending on the location and time of day. Providing residents and visitors an alternative way of travel is an important element in reducing peak commute hour and weekend traffic.

The County's application has received support from the Midcoast Community Council, Cabrillo Unified School District and Half Moon Bay Coastside Chamber of Commerce, among others.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

Approval of the Resolution contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Collaborative Community as grant funding will be used to develop a Midcoast Multi-Modal Trail that will lead to a regional solution for visitors and residents traveling by foot or bicycle on the coastside.

FISCAL IMPACT:

A transfer in the amount of \$50,000 from ERAF Reserves to the Parks Acquisition and Development budget will provide a local match for any requested grant funding received.