



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Public Works



**Date:** August 28, 2013  
**Board Meeting Date:** October 1, 2013  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** James C. Porter, Director of Public Works  
**Subject:** Devil's Slide Coastal Trail Improvements Project  
[County Project No. P23P3; Project File No. E4908]

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution:

- A) Adopting the plans and specifications, including conformance with prevailing wage scale requirements, for the Devils Slide Coastal Trail Improvements Project; and
- B) Authorizing the Director of Public Works to call for sealed proposals to be received by October 24, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

**BACKGROUND:**

On May 20, 1997, your Board adopted Resolution No. 061060, which authorized and directed the President of the Board to notify the California Department of Transportation that the County's preferred alignment for a bicycle/pedestrian trail be located within the existing Highway 1 Devil's Slide right-of-way.

On July 6, 2004, your Board adopted Resolution No. 066788, which adopted findings and statement of facts supporting findings with respect to the environmental review for the Devil's Slide Improvement Project and approving a mitigation monitoring and reporting program. This project proposed that the existing Highway 1 be designated a bicycle/pedestrian path.

On September 25, 2012, your Board adopted Resolution No. 072173, which approved the revised County of San Mateo budget for FY2012-13. As part of the FY2012-13 budget, \$1,991,525 was appropriated for the Devil's Slide Trail, which included \$1,373,125 in estimated construction costs.

On December 11, 2012, your Board adopted Resolution No. 072308, which authorized the Director of Public Works and Parks or his designee to apply for and accept a California Natural Resources Agency grant for the Devil's Slide Trail Project in the amount of \$270,000. The Parks Department has not been informed yet regarding award of this grant funding.

On July 9, 2013, your Board adopted Resolution No. 072643, which waived the County's right to protest Caltrans' notice of intent to relinquish the bypassed segment of Highway 1 in connection with the completion of the Devil's Slide tunnel and authorized the County Manager or his designee to execute documents required to accept fee title to the bypassed segment of Highway 1; fee title to five parcels located immediately to the west of the bypassed segment; and an easement interest located to the east of the bypassed segment.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Devil's Slide Coastal Trail Improvement (Trail) Project will provide a recreation trail on the old stretch of Highway 1 that has been bypassed by the Devil's Slide Tunnel. The Trail will feature two look out areas and 1.3 miles of old Highway 1 as a multi-use recreational trail.

The Trail Project includes the installation of the following amenities at the north and south end of the Trail: ADA accessible restrooms, bike racks, trash and recycling receptacles, benches, and information kiosks. The Trail surface or the old Highway 1 pavement surface will receive a microsurfacing application (a mixture of asphaltic emulsion and sand sized aggregate) to fill cracks and holes in the existing pavement and make for a smooth surface for park users. The Trail will be delineated for both bicycle and pedestrian use with pavement stripes and markings. In addition, regulatory and safety signage will be installed. Interpretive signs relative to the history of the Devil's Slide area, sensitive species, habitat, and other noteworthy information have been included in the Trail Project design.

Two look outs located near each end of the Trail Project will be constructed to provide a place for visitors to observe the exceptional views that Devil's Slide has to offer. Each look out will be equipped with benches, trash and recycling receptacles, and pay viewing scopes and will meet ADA requirements. There will also be an interpretative area constructed near the slide area or approximately at the halfway point of the Trail that will have interpretative signs relative to the history and geology of the site. This area will also include benches, a trash and recycling receptacle, and a pay viewing scope.

The Devil's Slide Trail Task Force was formed to provide input on the Trail Project and has been meeting regularly to discuss and review the Trail Project. Additionally, three public meetings were held to discuss and receive comments on the Trail Project. At the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) meeting on August 29, 2013, the Commission reviewed the 90% version of the Trail Project plans,

received comments from the public, directed staff to develop the 100% final plans, and recommended the plans be presented to your Board for approval and bidding.

An Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report was prepared by Caltrans and a Coastal Development Permit was approved for the Devil's Slide Tunnel Project. The project included the rehabilitation of the bypassed segment of Highway 1 to be the designated bicycle/pedestrian path. County Counsel and the Planning Department have reviewed these previously approved documents and have determined that no further environmental documents are required.

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

Approval of this action will contribute to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community as construction of the Trail Project increases the number and quality of natural experiences for County Parks' visitors. Each visitor that experiences the County's natural resources gains a greater appreciation of the need for their preservation.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The estimated cost of construction is \$1,300,000 and is currently budgeted in the Capital Projects Fund. General Fund dollars are funding this budget item.