



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
County Manager



**Date:** January 6, 2017  
**Board Meeting Date:** February 28, 2017  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** John L. Maltbie, County Manager

**Subject:** Agreement between Leland Stanford Junior University and the County of San Mateo for Trail Reconstruction, Maintenance and Grant of Easements

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing:

- A) Approval of an agreement with Leland Stanford Junior University for Trail Reconstruction, Maintenance and Grant of Easements ("Agreement"); and
- B) The County Manager, or his designee, to execute the final agreement, escrow instructions and execute any and all notices, amendments, consents, approvals, deeds, grant of easements, certificates of acceptance, and documents in connection with the agreement as needed to comply with the intent of the resolution.

**BACKGROUND:**

Alpine Trail ("Trail") is a multi-modal trail that extends 7.6 miles from the Santa Cruz Avenue/Alpine Road/Junipero Serra Boulevard intersection in the City of Menlo Park to Portola Road in the Town of Portola Valley. As part of the Alpine Road Trail Improvement Project (the "Project"), the County will perform trail rehabilitation work along a 1.84 mile segment of the Trail. The Project involves creek bank stabilization work at three locations along Los Trancos Creek, rehabilitation of the Trail, and shifting of a limited segment of the Trail.

At the January 28, 2014 Board of Supervisors' meeting, the Department of Public Works presented proposed creek bank stabilization measures for the Project as represented in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND). The Board of Supervisors directed the Department of Public Works to meet with representatives from Leland Stanford Junior University (Stanford) to evaluate alternative biotechnical methods for stabilizing the creek bank along Alpine Road.

At the March 11, 2014 Board of Supervisors' meeting, the Department of Public Works reported back to the Board regarding discussions with Stanford. At that meeting, certification of IS/MND was suspended pending further collaboration with Stanford to explore alternatives at two creek bank locations.

On November 18, 2014, the Department of Public Works reported to the Board that Stanford had agreed to the alternative installations at the two locations and the Board approved revising and recirculating the IS/MND. On January 26, 2016, the revised IS/MND was certified.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Real Property Division, in concert with the Department of Public Works, has coordinated with representatives from Stanford to negotiate mutually acceptable terms and conditions for the construction and ongoing maintenance of the Project and grant of the necessary real property interests. The Agreement for Trail Reconstruction, Maintenance and Grant of Easements represents this collaborative effort.

Through a Temporary Construction Easement, the County will have access over Stanford property to construct the Project. A portion of the property at issue is currently leased to a Stanford tenant, and discussions are now being finalized to address any impact on the tenant from the County's access. It is expected that any further changes to the form of the Agreement that may result from such discussions will be technical in nature and will not substantively change the terms agreed upon by Stanford and the County.

Upon completion of the Project, the County will provide Stanford with the legal descriptions of those portions of the Project lying outside of the Alpine Road right of way that will be permanently located on Stanford lands. Stanford will then convey Perpetual Creek Bank Stabilization Improvement Easements to the County, at no cost, and the County will accept the easements with terms that will allow ongoing access, with the requisite notice, for maintenance of the improvements.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the form of Agreement and the Resolution as to form. The Director of Public Works concurs in this recommendation.

Approval of this resolution contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Collaborative Community by working with Stanford in supporting the goal of preserving natural landscapes, open space, and recreation in San Mateo County.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There will be no net county cost for the easements that are the subject of the Agreement with Stanford. The Fiscal Impact regarding the capital improvement program for the Project itself will be addressed in connection with the request for authorization for funds for the Project by the Department of Public Works.