



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY MANAGER

File #: 16-181

Board Meeting Date: 6/6/2017

Special Notice / Hearing: None

Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager

Subject: Use of District-Specific **Measure K** Funds - Supervisorial District 3

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure K: Adopt a resolution authorizing an Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR) transferring **Measure K** revenue and expenditure appropriations in the amount of \$75,000 to the Parks Department to engage a planning consultant to complete a feasibility study for the Ohlone/Portola Heritage to assess the opportunities and constraints for the designation of the Ohlone/Portola Heritage Trail as a National Historic Trail and promoting completion of the California Coastal Trail through San Mateo County.

BACKGROUND:

Measure K is the half-cent general sales tax initially approved by San Mateo County voters in November 2012, and extended in November 2016 for a total of thirty years. The Board and County staff have conducted study sessions and community outreach efforts to inform priorities for **Measure K** spending.

On March 17, 2015, the Board adopted the **Measure K** allocation plan for the FY 2015-17 budget, during which the County anticipates **Measure K** receipts of approximately \$80 million annually. The plan includes \$5 million in one-time loans or grants, and \$1 million each year for FY 2015-16 and 2016-17, divided equally among the five supervisorial districts, for district-specific needs and projects. On April 28, 2015, the Board approved the criteria and process to be used by staff to administer these funds. In accordance with such criteria, District 3 submits the following request to use Measure K funds as set forth below and in the attachment hereto:

District/Project	Amount
District 3 (Supervisor Horsley) - Transfer district-specific Measure K funding to the Parks Department to complete a feasibility study for the Ohlone/Portola Heritage Trail	\$75,000

This project supports the San Mateo County Shared Vision 2025 goals of an environmentally

conscious community by preserving a natural resource trail for the educational use and enjoyment of San Mateo County residents and visitors.

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are sufficient district-specific **Measure K** funds appropriated in the Non-Departmental Services FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget for this purpose. Approval of the Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR) will transfer district-specific **Measure K** appropriations from Non-Departmental Services to the Parks Department. There is no Net County Cost associated with the ATR.

ATTACHMENT - Project Summary

DISTRICT 3 (Supervisor Don Horsley)

FY 2016-17 Measure K Request

Ohlone/Portola Heritage Trail Feasibility Study

Transfer \$ 75,000 to the Parks Department

The Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR) in the amount of \$75,000 for the Ohlone/Portola Heritage Trail Project will provide funding for the Parks Department to engage a planning consultant to complete a feasibility study assessing opportunities and constraints for designation of a the trail as a National Historic Trail and promote completion of the California Coastal Trail through San Mateo County.

In August 2015, the Board of Supervisors authorized the formation of the Portola Trail Committee. In Fall 2016, the Parks Department was successful in securing a technical assistance grant from the National Parks Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) to refine the concept of the Portola Expedition Trail and the vision of the Portola Trail Committee. In Spring 2017, the Committee reached consensus on a new name, the Ohlone/Portola Heritage Trail (O/PHT) Committee, that better reflects its vision of interpreting both the history of the Portola Expedition and the Ohlone people living on the San Mateo coast and San Francisco Bay for thousands of years prior to discovery by Europeans in 1769. The Ohlone/Portola Heritage Trail Committee is now prepared to move forward with a feasibility study to assess the near and longer-term opportunities and constraints for the Ohlone/Portola Heritage Trail.

The anticipated 50+-mile Ohlone/Portola Heritage Trail alignment through San Mateo County will be designated using 22 miles of the California Coastal Trail, 11.5 miles of existing trails or sidewalks, 9 miles of trails through lands of Peninsula Regional Open Space District and Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, and 4.5 miles through State Parks and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Approximately 3 miles of the route will be identified working with willing private property owners and Caltrans for areas in the state highway right-of-way. Specific near-term steps may include development of a logo and tag line for the route and signing of the auto and bike route working with Caltrans and San Mateo County Department of Public Works. A number of longer-term steps may require additional research including requirements for Congressional consideration of National Historic Trail designation and sources of funding for long-term operations and management.

There will be a one-time allocation of \$75,000 to County Parks from Measure K District-Specific funds. The Ohlone/Portola Heritage Trail Committee will continue to be engaged with the project and the consultant will report back findings from the study.

Total Measure K Request: \$75,000