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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Steven Lederer - Director of Public Works  
Public Works

**REPORT BY:** Steven Lederer, Director, Public Works - 259-8228

**SUBJECT:** Express Board of Supervisors Support for NVTA's Submittal of a Grant Application for the SR 29 Soscol Junction Project

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Public Works requests approval for the Chair to sign a letter of support for Napa Valley Transportation Authority's (NVTA's) submittal of a grant application to the United States Department of Transportation, which will help fund the Soscol Junction Interchange Project.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The United States Department of Transportation administers the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2019) competitive grant program. The program provides significant funding opportunities for communities to construct important transportation projects. NVTA intends to submit an \$18 million grant request to the BUILD 2020 program in support of the Soscol Junction Interchange project. The project includes raising State Route 29 and removing the traffic signal, allowing free flowing north/south traffic, and a double roundabout layout to manage all other traffic movements. The project also accommodates walkers and bikers. NVTA is seeking a letter from the Board in support of the grant application.

### **FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed: Livable Economy for All

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The United States Department of Transportation administers the BUILD 2020 competitive grant program which provides significant funding opportunities for communities to construct important transportation projects. NVTA intends to submit for an \$18 million grant from the BUILD 2020 program in support of the Soscol Junction Interchange project. The grant application is due May 15, 2020 and NVTA has requested a letter of support from Napa County (see attached letter which includes a project information sheet).

The center piece of the project is redesign and rebuilding of the Soscol Junction interchange. The complete project is estimated to cost \$64.4 million. Along with this grant, other funds will be pursued including from Regional Measure (RM) 3 and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding sources. NVTA is not requesting financial commitments from the jurisdictions at this time, but those may be requested in the future based on any actual funding gaps. It is hopeful that the Soscol interchange project could start construction in 2021 if all the funding sources come together.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

- A . BUILD Letter of Support
- B . Project Information Sheet

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Susan Kuss