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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS **Board Agenda Letter**

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael Stoltz for Robert Peterson - Director

Public Works

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SUBJECT: Conn Creek Bike Lane - Approval of amendment to the agreement with NCTPA for accepting

grant funds for construction

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Public Works requests approval and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 6643 with Napa County Transportation Planning Agency (NCTPA Agreement No. 06-06), with no change of financial terms, extending the term to June 30, 2008 to provide additional time for constructing Conn Creek Class II bike lane.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On June 6, 2006, the Board approved the acceptance of \$165,000 of grant funding from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to be managed by Napa County Transportation Planning Agency (NCPTA) for the purpose of constructing the Conn Creek Class II bike lane. Since that time, the Road Fund expenditures have exceeded revenue and there is insufficient funding available to meet all the needs in the County road system. The Board reiterated during budget hearings that it wishes to continue to take advantage of grant programs to further its class two bike lane program by continuing to provide the required match from the Road Fund. This project is not as highly leveraged as most bike lane projects, with the need for the Road Fund to contribute forty-eight percent (48%) of the project's cost. This action provides an extension of time to apply the grant and complete the project. Due to other design priorities, this project has not yet been completed.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes
Is it currently budgeted? Yes

Where is it budgeted? Roads Department

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Discretionary Justification: The Bay Area Air Quality Management District provides grants to assist with

funding bicycle lanes to reduce vehicle emissions to increase air quality. In addition to providing lanes for bicycle traffic, the project enhances the road system by adding additional shoulder width to this segment of the roadway.

Is the general fund affected?

No

Future fiscal impact:

The Road Fund will be obligated to provide ongoing maintenance of the bike lanes. There are no additional costs associated as it is part of the regular maintenance routine currently performed.

Consequences if not approved:

The County will lose the Grant and the opportunity to construct this Class II bike lane with leveraged funds.

Additional Information:

The estimated budget required to fund this project is \$316,637. \$165,000 (52%) of the required project budget is being funded by the State Transportation Fund for Clean Air grant money through the NCTPA per the Agreement being amended through this item. The remaining \$151, 637 (48%) of the required project budget is to be funded by Roads.

Of the estimated required budget of \$316,637 to fund this project, \$24,000 was budgeted for FY 06-07 for design costs. Of this amount, approximately \$15,000 in Road Fund revenue will be expended on planning, surveying, and design by the end of FY 06-07.

\$301,637 has been budgeted for FY 07-08 for engineering, construction, construction contingency, construction testing, inspection, and Public Works administration costs.

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

On June 6, 2006, the Board approved the acceptance of \$165,000 of grant funding from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to be managed by Napa County Transportation Planning Agency (NCPTA) for the purpose of constructing the Conn Creek Class II bike lane. Since that time, the Road Fund expenditures have exceeded revenue and there is insufficient funding available to meet all the needs in the County road system. The Board reiterated during budget hearings that it wishes to continue to take advantage of grant programs to further its class two bike lane program by continuing to provide the required match from the Road Fund.

There are two Class II bike lanes presently in the Roads budget totalling \$828,637 where \$251,637 is required as a local match, and \$577,000 is being provided through grants. The first is the Conn Creek Class II bike lane from State Route 128 to Skellenger Lane (2.5 miles) approved by the Board on June 6, 2006. This project is not as highly leveraged as most bike lane projects, with the need for the Road Fund to contribute 48% of the project's cost. The second is the Las Amigas Road Class II bike lane project extending approximately 3600 feet along Las Amigas Road from the intersection of Las Amigas Road and Cuttings Wharf. This project is estimated at \$512,000 with grant funding in the amount of \$412,000 being made available by the Association of Bay Area Governments

(ABAG) and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Transportation Enhancement Program. This has required a \$100,000 local match of Road Fund revenue of which \$35,645 has been expended to date. This project has a more favorable match requirement of only 20% of its funding coming from the Road Fund.

For the Conn Creek project, the Board approved the acceptance of \$165,000 of grant funding from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to be managed by Napa County Transportation Planning Agency (NCPTA) for construction purposes. The Funding Agreement outlines the specific terms of the disbursement of funds for the \$165,000 grant, and appoints the Director of Public Works as agent to administer the grant. The grant is to partially fund the design and construction of a 2.5 mile Conn Creek Class II Bike Lane. This bike lane is part of the Countywide Bicycle Plan. While the grant provides \$165,000 in funding, the remaining \$151,637 of the required project budget is to be funded by the Road Fund.

Due to the Department's workload this project has not yet been completed. Construction is now anticipated in the Fall of 2007. This action provides an extension of time to utilize the grant and complete the Conn Creek bike lane project. The Department has presently expended approximately \$15,000 in planning, surveying and engineering costs. The term of the Agreement with NCTPA is currently through June 30, 2007. The amendment will extend the completion date to June 30, 2008.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi