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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: Adoption of a Resolution approving an agreement with ABAG for accepting grant funds for construction of a bike lane segment on Las Amigas Avenue

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Public Works requests the following actions relating to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Bay Trail Project for grant construction of approximately 3600 feet of bike path along Las Amigas Avenue and Cuttings Wharf Road:

1. Adoption of a resolution authorizing approval of a contract and conditions for accepting grant funds from ABAG for construction of the Bay Trail Project; and
2. Approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the Construction Grant Agreement with ABAG for the disbursement of the grant funding for the term from its effective date of execution through December 31, 2038 with completion of construction by December 31, 2008.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Accepting the grant funds is one element of the financing plan for the construction of a 3,600 foot segment of the bike path on Las Amigas Avenue between the Cuttings Wharf Road and Milton Road. This bike path will connect to the 2,100-foot section of Bay Trail on Cuttings Wharf Road. The recently renovated Cuttings Wharf boat launch facility, with new public restroom facilities and a waterfront restaurant/deli, is a popular staging area for cyclists and provides access to the Napa River. The cities of American Canyon and Napa endorse this project and have already constructed some portions of the Trail.

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:	Grant Money from the ABAG Bay Trail Regional Development Program provides for \$100,000 of the construction costs only for this Project. The Road Fund will provide an estimated \$100,000 in matching funds for the design and environment review.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	It is anticipated that approximately \$13,000 will be expended in staffing costs from the Road Budget in fiscal year 2007 and the Road Budget will be obligated to provide ongoing maintenance of the bike lanes. The grant stipulates that the County is responsible for this maintenance for thirty (30) years from the date of required project completion of December 31, 2008.
Consequences if not approved:	The County will lose the Grant, more funds will need to be sought to complete this portion of the trail, the County would lose this opportunity to construct a connecting portion of the Bay Trail and citizens will lose further recreational opportunities.
Additional Information:	None

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Categorically Exempt Class 4 (h) 15304.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Bay Trail is a 500-mile hiking and bicycling path, now over halfway complete, which links the shoreline of nine counties to provide opportunities for shoreline recreation and alternative transportation throughout the region.

The Bay Trail project and grant funds are administered by Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). On May 11, 2004, Napa County accepted a grant of \$140,000 under the San Francisco Bay Trail's competitive Regional Development Program (RDP) to partially fund the construction of a Class II bicycle lane on Cuttings Wharf Road. In December 2004 ABAG awarded Napa County a grant of \$80,000 to complete the remaining 760 feet to the boat launch facility, completing this segment of the Bay Trail.

ABAG has recently notified staff that \$100,000 is available through the Coastal Impact Assistance Program for bike lane construction on Las Amigas Avenue. The Las Amigas segment is included in the Bay Trail's adopted alignment and the Napa County Transportation Planning Agency (NCTPA) Bicycle Plan. In order to secure this grant funding, ABAG has requested that a Resolution be adopted by your Board which accepts that funding, provided by the Coastal Impact Program and administered by ABAG, and authorizes the Chair to execute the Construction Grant Agreement. These actions must be taken by June 30, 2005 in order to encumber and commit the available funds.

It is anticipated that the design and environmental review will be completed during the coming 2006 fiscal year at an estimated cost of \$100,000 and actual construction will begin in fiscal year 2007. The ABAG grant will not

supplant the design and environmental expense, however, construction of this bike lane will widen the existing road on the eastern side and reconfigure the storm drainage, thus leveraging grant and State funds for improvements for which Road funds would normally be used. The roadway will then be re-stripped to accommodate the bike lane.

Construction on this Project is not anticipated to begin until fiscal year 2007 at which time both the \$100,000 grant funds from ABAG and \$312,000 from State Transportation Improvement Program Transportation Enhancement funds (STIP-TE) will be available. These revenues and Project appropriations will be included in the Fiscal Year 2007 Roads Recommended Budget.

The Resolution before the Board today endorses the existence of the Bay Trail Project in Napa County; accepts the grant funds for the Las Amigas Avenue bike lane; authorizes the Chair to sign the Construction Grant Agreement with ABAG; and appoints the Director of Public Works as Agent to administer the grant.

The ABAG Construction Grant Agreement before the Board today outlines the specific terms of the disbursement of funds for the \$100,000 grant.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey