

**COUNTY OF SONOMA
AGENDA ITEM
SUMMARY REPORT**

Clerk of the Board Use Only
Meeting Date **Held Until**
 ___/___/___ ___/___/___
Agenda Item No: **Agenda Item No:**

Department: Regional Parks

() 4/5 Vote Required

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Board Date:
9/22/09

Deadline for Board Action:

AGENDA SHORT TITLE:

Measure M Cooperative Funding Agreement for the Sonoma-Schellville Trail

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Approve resolution authorizing the Chair to execute a Cooperative Funding Agreement with Sonoma County Transportation Authority for the Sonoma-Schellville Trail

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Estimated Cost \$

Contingencies \$
(Fund Name:)

Amount Budgeted \$

Unanticipated Revenue \$
(Source:)

Other Avail Approp \$
(Explain below)

Other Transfer(s) \$
(Source:)

Additional Requested: \$

Add'l Funds Requested: \$

Explanation (if required):

Prior Board Action(s):

4/1/08 Resolutions 08-0274 and 08-0275 approving Cooperative Funding Agreements for Bodega Bay Trail and Central Sonoma Valley Trail

Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval:

Receipt of Measure M funds to support Sonoma-Schellville trail project will be delayed.

BACKGROUND:

Discussion

On November 2, 2004, the voters of Sonoma County approved the 2004 Traffic Relief Act for Sonoma County that provides ¼ cent sales tax revenue for transportation projects. The Act, commonly referred to as Measure M, provides 4% of its funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects. Specific pedestrian and bicycle projects are included in Measure M, including the Sonoma-Schellville Trail. For this project, Regional Parks will be responsible for developing the separated multi-use trail.

Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) and Sonoma County Counsel developed the Measure M Cooperative Funding Agreement, with input provided by Regional Parks staff. The Agreement defines the framework for the overall project and requests a funding appropriation for work underway in the current Fiscal Year. The total funding available from Measure M (in 2004 dollars) for Sonoma-Schellville Trail is \$650,000 and Regional Parks is requesting \$100,000 for this fiscal year for project scoping and right-of-way acquisition. The total project cost is estimated as \$1,835,000 and Measure M funds will provide seed funding for future grant requests. Funding requested is consistent with the SCTA 2007 Strategic Plan, approved programming for the draft 2009 Strategic Plan, and the FY0910 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). This phase does not create ongoing maintenance costs or obligate the County to provide funding beyond the approved CIP.

The Sonoma-Schellville Trail project consists of a four mile, Class I bikeway that follows the former Northwestern Pacific Railroad right-of-way. Starting at Highway 121, the proposed trail travels north parallel to 8th Street East, turns west north of Napa Street and ends at the city limits of Sonoma. The proposed trail is a spur trail in the San Francisco Bay Trail, connecting to the main alignment at its southern terminus.

Regional Parks has secured easements and fee title to sections of the railroad right-of-way. However, the County still needs to acquire the remaining sections of properties from Union Pacific, private property owners, and Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit. Once acquisition is complete, Regional parks will proceed with environmental compliance, design, engineering, and construction.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee will be considering and is anticipated to support this resolution at its September 21 meeting.

Recommendation

Approve resolution authorizing the Chair to execute a Cooperative Funding Agreement with Sonoma County Transportation Authority for the Sonoma-Schellville Trail

Attachments: Resolution, Attachment A: Location map

On File With Clerk: Agreement (5 copies)

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote: