

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Date: November 20, 2001

Board Meeting Date: December 4, 2001

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Neil R. Cullen, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: **Bicycle Related Improvements to Crystal Springs Road –San Mateo/Hillsborough Area**

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution:

1. supporting the City of San Mateo's application for Transit Development Act(TDA) funds to make bicycle related improvements to Baywood Avenue from El Camino Real to Stonehedge Road, and on Crystal Springs Road from Stonehedge Road to Polhemus Road; and
2. authorizing the Director of Public Works to enter into agreements, issue permits and to sign other forms and applications on behalf of the County as may be necessary in conjunction with the City of San Mateo's TDA grant application as it relates to the portion of Crystal Springs Road within the unincorporated area.

Previous Board Action

Authorized an application for TDA fund in 1995/96, which financed a joint project to make bicycle related improvements to Crystal Springs Road from Polhemus Road through Hillsborough to the City limits of San Mateo. That project was funded and completed.

Key Facts

1. The City is applying for TDA grant funds to install signing and striping and do shoulder paving as the road geometrics will allow to help facilitate the use of the Crystal Springs Road corridor as a recreational bicycle facility.
2. The previous bicycle related work that was done on Crystal Springs Road can be enhanced by the work proposed to be financed by the TDA grant that the City is applying for.

Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Discussion


The City/County Association of Government's Comprehensive Bicycle Route Plan identifies Crystal Springs Road as an east /west connector from the Bay Trail to Sawyer Camp Trial near Crystal Springs Dam. The County and the Town of Hillsborough cooperated on a joint project in 1996 to do improvements. However, our ability to improve this corridor was and is limited as the road follows and is adjacent to San Mateo Creek and it environs, and endangered plant species reside on the canyon walls. The combination of creek environs and endangered species essentially prohibits construction in some areas.

The City of San Mateo is now applying for TDA funds to provide striping and signage along the corridor and to do spot widening as may be allowed and have asked for the County's support. We are recommending that your Board support the City's application as signing to heighten the awareness of motorists to cyclists using this road may be the only short term "doable" alternative given the physical and environmental constraints of this corridor. We are also recommending that your Board authorize the Director of Public Works to sign agreements, applications and permits associated with the City's TDA grant as while the project selection process is administered by C/CAG, the funding is through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and occasionally MTC requires additional "paper work" in conjunction with funding that they are involved with.

Fiscal Impact

There is no direct impact on any fund of the County as the work is proposed to be financed by the City and with TDA grants. There will be a minor impact to the County Road Fund as any signs or striping, and any shoulder widening that may occur in the unincorporated area will have to be maintained by the County. The maintenance of these facilities will be financed with County Road funds as is the maintenance of the approximately 314 miles of County roads. There is no impact to the General Fund.

A form of resolution has been approved by County Council.



Neil R. Cullen
Director of Public Works

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cc: Larry Patterson, Director of Public Works, City of San Mateo
Milt Mares, County Counsel
Brian C. Lee, P.E., Division Manager, Programs and Engineering Services

Resolution No. _____

Board of Supervisors, County of San Mateo, State of California

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Resolution Supporting the City of San Mateo's Application for Transit Development Act (TDA) Funds to Finance Bicycle Related Improvements to the Crystal Springs Road Corridor and Authorizing the Director of Public Works to Sign Agreements and Other Forms as May Be Necessary in Conjunction with the City of San Mateo's TDA Grant Application as it Relates to the Portion of Crystal Springs Road within the Unincorporated Area

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, the City/County Association of Government Comprehensive Bicycle Route Plan identifies Crystal Springs Road as an east/west connector from the Bay Trail to Sawyer Camp Trial near Crystal Springs Dam; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Mateo is applying for Transit Development Act (TDA) funds to install bicycle related improvements to help facilitate the use of the Crystal Springs Road corridor as a recreational bicycle facility; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the work proposed is on Crystal Springs Road in the unincorporated area; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has recommended that this Board support the City's application for TDA grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has also recommended that the Director be authorized to sign on behalf of the County agreements and other forms as may be necessary in conjunction with the City's TDA grant application as it relates to the portion of Crystal Springs Road within the unincorporated area; and

WHEREAS, this Board has considered the recommendations of the Director of Public Works.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED as follows:

This Board:

1. supports the City of San Mateo's application for Transit Development Act (TDA) funds to install bicycle related improvements to help facilitate the use of the Crystal Springs Road corridor as a recreational bicycle facility; and
2. authorizes the Director of Public Works to sign agreements and other forms on behalf of the County as may be necessary in conjunction with the City's TDA grant application as it relates to the portion of Crystal Springs Road within the unincorporated area.

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