



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
C-11

For the meeting of: May 26, 2015

Date: Wednesday May 20, 2015
To: Board of Supervisors
From: *(W)* Thomas K. Mattson, Public Works Director
Subject: Active Transportation Grant Applications

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Authorizes the Chair of the Board to sign the attached support letters for applications for funding from the Active Transportation Program

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

No funds are needed to take this action.

DISCUSSION:

There is a current call for projects to be funded under the Active Transportation Program (ATP) managed by the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans). The ATP is a competitive program to fund non-motorized transportation facilities within the State of California.

The purpose of ATP is to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation by achieving the following goals:

- Increase the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking,
- Increase safety and mobility for non-motorized users,

Prepared by Thomas K. Mattson

CAO Approval *Cheryl Dillinger*

REVIEW:

Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

- Consent
- Departmental
- Public Hearing
- Other _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor *Sundberg*
Seconded by Supervisor *Bass*
And unanimously carried by those members present,
The Board hereby adopts the recommended action
Contained in this report.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Dated: *May 26, 2015*
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

Meeting of: _____

By: *Cheryl Dillinger*

- Advance the active transportation efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals,
- Enhance public health,
- Ensure that disadvantaged communities fully share in the benefits of the program, and
- Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.

The Public Works Department has four projects that it is planning to submit for funding; two of which are county only projects, one is in partnership with CalTrans, and one is in partnership with the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District and Danco.

The county projects include a proposal to replace the Hammond Trail Bridge and a proposal to add pedestrian improvements to McKinleyville Avenue near McKinleyville High School.

The project in partnership with CalTrans is to construct a Class 1 Trail in the CalTrans Right-of-Way along Highway 255 in Manila.

The project in partnership with the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District and Danco is to enhance the trails required to be constructed by Danco in the Samoa area to provide improvements beyond the minimum trail requirements required of this project by the Coastal Commission to improve non-motorized travel and coastal access.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact for providing the letters of support

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

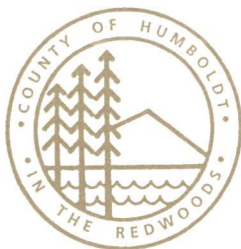
Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District, California Department of Transportation District 1

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Letters of Support



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May 26, 2015

Division of Local Assistance, MS-1
Office of Active Transportation and Special Programs
P.O. Box 942874
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for the County of Humboldt's Hammond Bridge Replacement Project

Dear Application Review Committee:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to extend support for the County of Humboldt's Hammond Bridge Replacement Project.

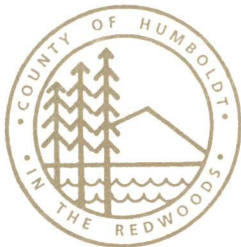
The Hammond Trail is the most used portion of the California Coastal Trail in Humboldt County. It is a successful rail-to-trail project, extending approximately 5.5 miles from the Clam Beach County Park to the Arcata Bottoms. The Hammond Bridge has long been a part of McKinleyville's history. The original bridge on this site was a wooden covered bridge that was built in 1905 as part of the Humboldt Northern Railway. The covered bridge remained in use until 1942, yet the bridge continued to be used as a railroad bridge until 1961.

The Hammond Bridge Replacement Project will afford a safe and sound link for trail users. The replacement is necessary to maintain the current trail system. It will safeguard the only non-motorized connection between the population centers of Arcata and McKinleyville separate from highway and on/off-ramp traffic while providing a scenic view of the Mad River.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Director of Public Works, Thomas K. Mattson at 707-445-7491 for additional information.

Sincerely,

Estelle Fennell, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors



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Re: Support for the County of Humboldt's Samoa Enhanced Project

Dear Application Review Committee:

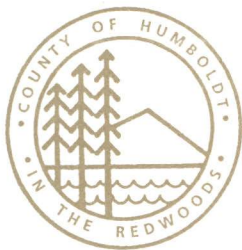
On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to extend support for the County of Humboldt's Samoa Enhanced Project.

The County of Humboldt has worked with community members and the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreations and Conservation District to enhance the Samoa Trails Project, which was withdrawn from last cycle's competition. This application is for enhancement of the trail system in the Town of Samoa Master Plan for work beyond the conditions of approval of the development to better serve the entire community with a coastal trail system.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Director of Public Works, Mr. Thomas K. Mattson, at 707-445-7491 for additional information.

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**Re: Support for the County of Humboldt's Manila Non-Motorized
Transportation Improvement Project**

Dear Application Review Committee:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to extend support for the County of Humboldt's Manila Non-Motorized Transportation Improvement Project.

This project is a result of collaboration between Caltrans District 1, the County of Humboldt and the Manila Community Services District. Caltrans partnered with the County on this project in order to implement non-motorized components of their 2012 State Route 255 (SR 255) Engineered Feasibility Study Report. The purpose of the project is not only to address multi-modal connections within the community but to also increase heightening a driver's awareness of the community, thereby influencing driving behavior. Caltrans sponsored a public workshop in order to determine the community preferred alternative.

Pedestrian and bicycle transportation options off of the highway are currently severely limited. This project will serve as a safe alternative not only for the Redwood Coast Montessori School but also the Manila Community Center. Please do not hesitate to contact our Director of Public Works, Mr. Thomas K. Mattson, at 707-445-7491 for additional information.

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Re: Support for the County of Humboldt's McKinleyville High Safe Routes to School Project

Dear Application Review Committee:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to extend support for the County of Humboldt's McKinleyville High Safe Routes to School Project.

This project was developed in partnership with the University of California at Berkeley's Safe Transportation Research Center and California Walks. A pedestrian safety action planning workshop was held to incorporate community support and ideas with an immediate focus on strengthening the County's grant application for the Active Transportation Program.

The workshop resulted in community driven recommendations to improve pedestrian safety in the area of McKinleyville High School observed and discussed during the workshop. Workshop participants developed eight recommendations for the grant application and overall pedestrian safety improvements in McKinleyville based on the 5E's of Safe Routes to School and the walkability assessment.

This grass roots approach to improve safety and develop complete streets will save lives in the region, and improve the physical health of students and community members. Please do not hesitate to contact our Director of Public Works, Mr. Thomas K. Mattson, at 707-445-7491 for additional information.

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