



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 9/20/2022

File #: 22-1187

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Public Works

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Humboldt and City of Eureka for the Installation and Operation of an Automated Trail Counter on the Eureka Waterfront Trail

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Public Works Deputy-Director for Environmental Services to sign the attached Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between the County of Humboldt and City of Eureka for the installation and operation of an automated trail counter on the Eureka Waterfront Trail; and
2. Authorize the Public Works Deputy-Director for Environmental Services to sign amendments to the MOU that would extend the term of the MOU.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Humboldt Trails Council; Bicycles & Trailways Program (1710)

DISCUSSION:

On Dec. 7, 2021, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors approved the donation of funds from the Humboldt Trails Council to Humboldt County for the purchase and installation of automatic trail counters on the Hammond Trail and Eureka Waterfront Trail. The counter on the Eureka Waterfront Trail will help quantify usage trends and will provide data to support assessment of conditions before and after the construction of the Humboldt Bay Trail South project. The City of Eureka has offered to install the counter on the Eureka Waterfront Trail while Humboldt County Public Works will collect, analyze, and distribute the data. The attached Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) documents the rights and responsibilities of each of the parties for this proposed initiative. The initial term of the MOU is five (5) years. Public Works recommends that the Board authorize the Public Works Deputy-Director for Environmental Services to sign the attached MOU with the City of Eureka, and authorize the Public Works Deputy-Director for Environmental Services to sign amendments to the MOU that would extend the term of the MOU.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The automatic trail counter was purchased with donated funds. Operation of the trail counter in fiscal year 2022-23 will be funded under the approved budget for the Bicycles & Trailways Program budget unit (1710715) which is funded by State's Transportation Development Act revenues. Therefore, the recommended action will have no impact on the Humboldt County General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by providing for and maintaining infrastructure and building interjurisdictional and regional cooperation.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

City of Eureka

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board of Supervisors could choose not to authorize the execution of the attached MOU with the City of Eureka. This alternative is not recommended because it would cause an opportunity for interjurisdictional collaboration on a mutually beneficial project to be missed.

The Board of Supervisors could choose not to authorize staff to sign amendments extending the term of the attached MOU. This alternative is not recommended because it would not streamline future administration of the MOU.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 - Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Humboldt and City of Eureka for the Installation and Operation of an Automated Trail Counter on the Eureka Waterfront Trail

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: D-25

Meeting of: December 7, 2021

File No.: 21-1672