



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 2/6/2024

File #: 24-73

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Public Works

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Traffic Regulations in Humboldt County

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt Ordinance No. _____, amending Humboldt County Code Section 421-3 relating to boulevard stops in the Eureka area; amending Sections 422-7, 422-8, 422-9, 422-10, 422-11 and 422-12 relating to speed limits in the Eureka, Fortuna, Garberville, Loleta, McKinleyville and Redway areas; adding Sections 431-14.1, 431-14.2, and 431-83 relating to parking in the McKinleyville area; amending Section 432-1 regarding bus loading zones in the Eureka and Fortuna areas; adding Sections 435-2, 435-4, and 435-5 relating to bicycle lanes and bikeways; amending Section 435-3 relating to bicycle lanes and bikeways, all of Title IV of the Humboldt County Code; and
2. Direct Public Works staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk finding that the Project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines set forth in California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15301 - "Existing Facilities" and Section 15304 - "Minor Alterations to Land".

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Roads Fund (1200325)

DISCUSSION:

On Jan. 30, 2024, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors introduced the above-referenced ordinance for adoption with a directive to the Clerk of the Board to publish a pre-adoption summary of the ordinance and set the ordinance for adoption on Feb. 6, 2024. At that meeting, the Board of Supervisors also found that the project was exempt from environmental review pursuant California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines set forth in California Code of Regulations, Title 14,

Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15301 - “Existing Facilities” and Section 15304 - “Minor Alterations to Land”. To comply with CEQA a Notice of Exemption must be filed.

The recommended action will complete adoption of the ordinance and result in publication of a post-adoption summary and the filing of a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenditures (1200325)	FY23-24
Budgeted Expenses	\$20,000
Total Expenditures	\$20,000
Funding Sources (1200325)	FY23-24 Adopted
Road Fund	\$20,000
Total Funding Sources	\$20,000

**Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

Adoption of the attached ordinance will require the creation and installation of regulatory signs, curb painting and striping in the relevant locations. The estimated cost associated with manufacturing and installing the required regulatory signs and striping is \$20,000, which is in the adopted budget for fiscal year 2023-24, Public Works, Road’s budget unit 1200-325.

The Road Fund (1200) has a negative balance. This is partially due to the timing of Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursements to the county, which can take years for the county to receive repayment. The department utilizes other state and local funding, such as Regional Surface Transportation Program funds, for the Humboldt County Road Fund match for reimbursable projects. Despite those additional funding sources, Road Fund projects are underfunded and will very likely have a negative impact on the General Fund if additional revenue sources are not secured.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impact:

No staffing is expected to be impacted.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports the following areas of your Board’s Strategic Framework.

Core Roles: Enforce laws and regulations to protect residents

New Initiatives: Provide community-appropriate levels of service

Strategic Plan: 2.1 - Improve transportation network to be properly-maintained, multi-modal and energy efficient (e.g. roads, trails, public transportation and commercial airline)

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

California Highway Patrol
Humboldt County Sheriff Department

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to adopt the attached ordinance. However, this alternative is not recommended since it would not improve traffic safety in the relevant locations.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Board Order No. _____, dated January 30, 2024
2. Ordinance
3. Post-Adoption Summary
4. CEQA Notice of Exemption

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Meeting of: Jan. 30, 2024

File No.: 24-72