



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-4

For the meeting of: May 6, 2014

Date: April 21, 2014
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Rex Bohn
Subject: Trinidad Rancheria Tiger Project Funding Request to the US Department of Transportation for the Stabilization of Cher-Ae Lane and other Associated Improvements, and the Design and Engineering of the US Highway 101 Interchange Project.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors ratify authorization for the Chair to sign the letter of support.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Trinidad Rancheria has submitted a funding request to the US Department of Transportation, Tiger Grant Program for funding for the stabilization of Cher-Ae Lane and other associated improvements, and the design and engineering of the US Highway 101 Interchange project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter of Support.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes Signature [Signature]
REVIEW: Auditor County Counsel Personnel Risk Manager Other

TYPE OF ITEM:
[X] Consent
Departmental
Public Hearing
Other

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.

Meeting of:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor Bass Seconded by Supervisor Lovelace
Ayes Sundberg, Lovelace, Bohn, Fennell, Bass
Nays
Abstain
Absent

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: May 6, 2014
By: [Signature]
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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April 23, 2014

United States Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Support for the Trinidad Rancheria's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery 2014 Grant Applications

Dear Application Review Committee:

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors is pleased to submit this letter of support for the Trinidad Rancheria's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application for the stabilization of Cher-Ae Lane and other associated improvements, and the design and engineering of the US Highway 101 Interchange. This project will address several of the unmet transportation and economic needs of the Trinidad Rancheria, the local community and the Region. This project will both modernize infrastructure and revitalize the residents and businesses located on the Trinidad Rancheria leading to improved socio-economic conditions locally and increase benefits to goods-movement throughout our region while contributing towards expanded statewide efforts.

The key benefits and objectives as we understand this project are:

- **Safety:** Directly addresses safety for most vulnerable transportation users (pedestrians, bicyclists, children) and will stabilize Cher-Ae Lane making it usable by emergency vehicles, school buses, transit buses, employees of the Rancheria and visitors
- **Significance:** Provides multi-state benefit by improving nationally-significant highway; and will provide local benefit by reduction of traffic on Scenic Drive reducing maintenance costs to both City of Trinidad and County of Humboldt. Scenic Drive is subject to regular storm damage due to the geology of the area the road is constructed over and a new interchange and access is extremely important to the residents on Scenic Drive in order to ensure access at times when Scenic Drive is closed due to storm damage
- **Economic Activity:** Servicing the Economically Distressed Area of the Trinidad Community by creating and enhancing construction activity and increasing economic opportunity by "destination place-making" while furthering the efforts of the Trinidad Rancheria to be self sufficient

- **Livability:** Increases community identity and cultural character as unique destination gateway, and removes a barrier for residents, employees and visitors by affording an opportunity for public transit directly to the Rancheria rather than using personal vehicles or having to walk a mile along a narrow roadway with no pedestrian amenities
- **Travel Choices:** Transforms pass-through highway into context-sensitive corridor and provides an alternate route for people who live on or south of the Rancheria during road closures
- **Readiness:** Strategically developed to accelerate implementation (no ROW acq., minimal permitting) by the September 2016 TIGER obligation deadline
- **Leveraging:** Builds on previous joint partnership in Rancheria conceptual master planning and furthers several priority capital improvement projects identified in the Trinidad Rancheria Transportation Plan

The Project will improve upon and build from the joint inter-agency cooperation (California Department of Transportation, Humboldt County Association of Governments, County of Humboldt, and Tribal) that created the Trinidad Area Freeway Master Plan Study Report Road, as well as the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria Comprehensive Plan and Integrated Development Standards. For these reasons and more, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors is in full support of this application and pledges to be an active partner in making this well thought out and long standing project a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rex Bohn".

Rex Bohn, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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