



AGENDA ITEM NO.
D-5

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: April 19, 2016

Date: April 14, 2016

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Ryan Sundberg

Subject: Trinidad Rancheria Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Project (FASTLANE) funding request for the Highway 101 Interchange Project to the US Department of Transportation

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 grant request to the US Department of Transportation for Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Project (FASTLANE) funding for the Highway 101 Interchange Project. The proposed project will address several unmet transportation and economic needs of the Trinidad Rancheria, the local community and the region. The project will also provide safe and sustainable access for all modes of transportation to and from the Rancheria and unincorporated communities of Trinidad and Westhaven, and will modernize infrastructure and revitalize the residents and businesses by increasing mobility of people and goods via a safe, equitable, health-promoting efficient transportation system.

Due to timing constraints related to submission of the grant proposal deadline of April 14, 2016, the request for a letter of support from the Board of Supervisors for this project is being ratified as the Board has previously taken a position of unanimous support for this project at its May 6, 2014 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes Signature [Signature]

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 Fennell Seconded by Supervisor Bass

Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Lovelace, Bohn, Bass

Nays _____

Abstain _____

Absent _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

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

Dated: April 19, 2016

By: [Signature]

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letters of Support and May 6, 2014 Agenda Item.



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

825 5TH STREET

EUREKA, CALIFORNIA 95501-1153 PHONE (707) 476-2390 FAX (707) 445-7299

April 8, 2016

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

Re: Support for the Cher-Ae Lane Interchange, Trinidad Interchange Access Improvements

Dear Application Review Committee:

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors is pleased to submit this letter of support for the Trinidad Rancheria's Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Project (FASTLANE) grant application for the Highway 101 Interchange Project. 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 provide safe and sustainable access, for all modes of transportation, to/from the Trinidad Rancheria and unincorporated communities of Trinidad and Westhaven. It will both modernize infrastructure and revitalize the residents and businesses by increasing the mobility of people and goods via a safe, equitable, health-promoting efficient transportation system, leading to improved socio-economic conditions.

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

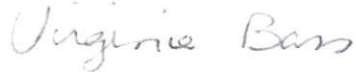
- **Safety:** Directly addresses safety for most vulnerable transportation users (pedestrians, bicyclists, children) and will stabilize Cher-Ae Lane making it usable by emergency vehicles, school buses, transit buses, elders and community members whom reside on the Rancheria, community members seeking services, employees of the Rancheria and visitors
- **Significance:** The Trinidad Rancheria is the largest employer in the Trinidad area and the largest share of their work force is located within the Rancheria property, accessed only by Scenic Drive, a narrow two-lane failing county roadway of substandard width with no dedicated pedestrian or bicycle facilities. If this route were to become inaccessible, it would be catastrophic to the local economy.
- **Economic Activity:** Servicing the Economically Distressed Area of the Trinidad Community by creating and enhancing construction activity and increasing economic opportunity while furthering the efforts of the Trinidad Rancheria to be self sufficient.
- **Mobility:** This project will provide mobility strategies that will not only encourage but will provide more efficient travel along a scenic highway, including shifts from driving to walking, cycling and public transit. The project increases active transportation directly, and helps reduce barriers to walking and cycling. The interchange will provide primary access to the Rancheria and secondary access to the surrounding unincorporated area.

This project builds on previous, and continuous, joint inter-agency cooperation with the County of Humboldt, Humboldt County Association of Governments, California Department of Transportation (Cal-trans), Bureau of Indian Affairs and Federal Highways in the Trinidad Rancheria Comprehensive Plan and Integrated Development Standards, Highway 101 Design Charrette, and furthers several priority capital improvement projects identified in the Trinidad Rancheria Transportation Plan

The Trinidad Rancheria and the County of Humboldt have devoted diminishing transportation dollars on regular repairs and stabilization efforts of Scenic Drive. Total failure will isolate residents and businesses in the area.

For these reasons and more, the Board is in full support of this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia Bass".

Virginia Bass, Vice Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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AGENDA ITEM NO.
C-4

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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. The proposed project will address several unmet transportation and economic needs of the Trinidad Rancheria, the local community and the region, and will 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 the region. The Trinidad Rancheria is requesting a letter of support from the Board of Supervisors for this funding request.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter of Support.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes Signature Rex Bohn

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

TYPE OF ITEM:

Consent

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Bass Seconded by Supervisor Lovelace

Ayes Sundberg, Lovelace, Bohn, Fennell, Bass

Nays _____

Abstain _____

Absent _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

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

Dated: May 6, 2014

By: Kathy Hayes

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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EUREKA, CALIFORNIA 95501-1153 PHONE (707) 476-2390 FAX (707) 445-7299

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,



Rex Bohn, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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