

AGENDA: February 5, 2004

TO: Regional Transportation Commission

FROM: Linda Wilshusen, Executive Director

RE: Expenditure of AB 2766 grant for the Bikes Secure Program for FY 03/04-05/06.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the attached resolution (Attachment 1), which authorizes the Executive Director to expend AB 2766 funds for bike parking through the 2004 Bike Secure Program.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Commission's Bikes Secure program is to help private businesses and nonprofits, local jurisdictions, school districts, and other public agencies in Santa Cruz County purchase bicycle parking racks, lockers and cages. The Bikes Secure Program provides full and partial grants to businesses and agencies that agree to install the bicycle parking facilities securely in a convenient location for use by patrons and/or employees.

Historically, Bikes Secure has been funded through grants from the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (MBUAPCD). The last grant from the air district, in the amount of \$25,000, was expended last year. In 2003, the MBUAPCD awarded the RTC a new \$25,000 grant for the FY 2003/2004 Bikes Secure program.

DISCUSSION

Staff seeks Commission approval of the attached resolution (Attachment 1), which authorizes the Executive Director to expend \$25,000 funds for the 2004 Bikes Secure Program under the FY 03/04 AB 2766 grant. These funds have been included in the adopted FY 03/04 RTC budget. Procedures for allocation of Bikes Secure funds have already been approved by the RTC.

With these funds, the Bikes Secure program can continue to provide racks to where they are needed throughout Santa Cruz County. These funds will be used for purchase of bike racks, lockers and cages as well as for promotion of the program. Local jurisdiction staff and local bicycle organizations refer businesses to the program and Commission staff regularly approach business owners directly to inform them of the program. Staff will also run print media advertising in the county's weekly newspapers to advertise the program.

SUMMARY

The Commission's Bikes Secure program provides racks for Santa Cruz County businesses, jurisdictions, school districts and other public agencies. Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution (Attachment 1), which authorizes the expenditure of the MBUAPCD AB 2766 grants in the amount of \$25,000 to continue the Bikes Secure program.

Attachment 1: Resolution

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