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SUBJECT: 2003/2004 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 8 PROJECT
ALLOCATION CLAIM

Dear Ms. Wilshusen:

The County of Santa Cruz Department of Public Works requests an allocation of \$165,681 for the fiscal year 2003/2004 Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding for the projects listed below. We have been notified that this year's TDA allocation has been reduced by resolution of the SCCRTC a total of \$1,712 in October 2003. In addition, we request an allocation of previously unallocated funds (\$34,799), a reallocation of allocated funds already received by the County (\$67,720.10), and a reallocation of funds allocated but not yet received by the County (\$24,799.90) to the Amesti Road School Pedestrian/Bike Safety Project (see attached spreadsheet). The reallocation requests are from projects that are either complete, no longer active, or do not require the full amount of previous allocations.

Sims Road School Pedestrian/Bike Safety Project\$127,000

A fiscal year 2003/04 TDA allocation of \$127,000 is requested for this important school safety improvement project. Previous years' TDA allocation for this project was \$65,000. The requested TDA allocation would total \$192,000. The County has changed the scope of work for this project to include bike lanes from La Madrona Drive to Graham Hill Road. We have submitted several grant applications for this project over the years to programs such as the Pedestrian Safety Program, the Safe Routes to School Program, and the Motor Vehicle Emissions Reduction Grant Program. We have recently been notified by the California Department of Transportation that we have been awarded \$100,000 of Safe Routes to School grant funds for the construction of this project. The County will provide additional funding for this pedestrian improvement through the Carbonera Planning Area Roadway and Roadside improvement fund. The project is consistent with the 2001 RTP, pages 52, 53, 54, 56 and 57, policies 2.1, 2.4, 2.7, 3.1, 4.1, and 5.4. Environmental permits are expected to be required for this project.

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San Lorenzo River Watershed Bike Trail Feasibility Study\$35,000

This is a new project TDA allocation request using fiscal year 2003/04 TDA allocation funds to study the feasibility of providing a bike trail from Boulder Creek to the city of Santa Cruz adjacent to the San Lorenzo River. The County, with cooperation from the San Lorenzo Valley Trail Committee and the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, has secured a \$140,000 Community Based Transportation Planning grant to help fund the study. The County expects to enter into contracts early next year to begin the feasibility study. The project is consistent with the 2001 Regional Transportation Plan, pages 53, 54, and 56, policies 2.5, 2.7, 3.1, 4.1, and 4.3. Environmental review of the feasibility study portion of the project is not required.

Amesti Road School Pedestrian/Bike Safety Project\$131,000

This is a new project TDA allocation request using a portion of fiscal year 2003/04 allocations (\$3,681), fiscal year 2002/03 unallocated funds (\$34,799), reallocations from other projects funds we have already received (\$67,720.10), and reallocations from other project funds we have not yet received (\$24,799.90) for improvements fronting the Amesti Elementary School (see attached spreadsheet for detailed funding transfers). The project will provide for the construction of sidewalk along the school frontage, a flashing warning beacon at the school crosswalk, and bike lanes from Green Valley Road to just north of the school site. We have recently been notified by the California Department of Transportation that we have been awarded \$100,000 of Safe Routes to School grant funds for the construction of this project. In addition, the County has been awarded a \$60,000 grant from the Motor Vehicle Emissions Reduction Grant Program to help fund this project. The County will provide additional funding for this safety improvement with Highway Safety Lighting funds. The project is consistent with the 2001 RTP, pages 52, 53, 54, 56 and 57, policies 2.1, 2.4, 2.7, 3.1, 4.1, and 5.4. Environmental permits are expected to be required for this project.

The Department of Public Works thanks you for accepting our request for allocation and reallocation of TDA funding. The preferred method of disbursement is by means of County journal (AUD48) whereby the TDA Article 8 funds should be transferred to Budget Index 621220, subobject 1582. If you have any questions regarding the project information, please contact Jack Sohriakoff, Senior Civil Engineer, at 454-2392. Questions concerning the fund transfer should be directed to Len Dreyer, Fiscal Officer at 454-2399.

Yours truly,

for -  , Asst. Dir.
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