

# Attachment 1

## **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AMONG AMBAG, SCCRTC, and TAMC REGARDING FUNDING and PLANNING IMPLEMENTATION for the MONTEREY BAY SANCTUARY SCENIC TRAIL**

Whereas, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC), and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) have a cooperative working relationship in transportation planning and programming; and

Whereas, Congressman Sam Farr has requested that AMBAG, as the Monterey Bay Region Metropolitan Planning Organization, be the lead agency in planning activities for the Monterey Bay segment of the Sanctuary Scenic Trail and also be the recipient and disbursing agency of all funds derived from any federal authorizations and earmarks for this project in the annual appropriations bill; and

Whereas, the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail is a recreation and interpretive pathway that links existing and new trail segments into a continuous coastal trail around the Monterey Bay from Wilder Ranch in the County of Santa Cruz to Lovers Point in the City of Pacific Grove; and

Whereas, several communities around the Monterey Bay have completed or developed plans for coastal trails over the past few decades, and Congressman Sam Farr has established a Steering Committee that is working to connect those trails; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

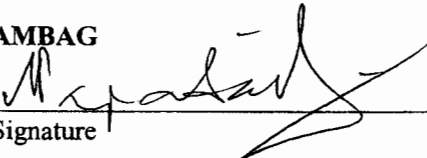
1. AMBAG will form and staff the Sanctuary Scenic Trail Committee similar in composition to Congressman Farr's Steering Committee. It will draw its membership from local, state, and federal jurisdictions within the trail boundaries, as well as economic development, recreational, and conservation organizations interested in trail development. The Sanctuary Scenic Trail Committee will work in conjunction with the parties to this agreement and the Santa Cruz County Sanctuary Inter-Agency Task Force to craft overall trail development policy. In addition, SCCRTC and TAMC will consult with the Sanctuary Scenic Trail Committee before allocating any funding covered in this agreement.
2. Not more than eight (8) percent of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail funds received through each federal authorization and earmark in the annual appropriations bill over a six (6) year period, up to \$600,000, will be retained by AMBAG for planning, coordination, and administration of the Sanctuary Scenic Trail Committee, to support related working groups, and for liaison activities with the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and other entities. AMBAG will also solicit supplemental grant funds for projects as identified by the Sanctuary Scenic Trail Committee, AMBAG, SCCRTC, and TAMC.
3. The remaining funds received through the federal authorization and earmarked in the annual appropriations bill, for that six (6) year period, will be divided equally between SCCRTC and TAMC for specific project development and delivery activities by the appropriate implementing entities, which may include AMBAG, SCCRTC, and TAMC as well as Cities, Counties, Special Districts, State Agencies, the Santa Cruz County Sanctuary Inter-Agency Task Force, and non-profit organizations within the Counties of Santa Cruz and Monterey. Project development and delivery activities include, but are not limited to, the following: project scope development, development of standard trail features and requirements, determination of trail segment locations,

conceptual design of trail segments, environmental review and permits, right-of-way acquisition, and construction.

4. After consultation with the Sanctuary Scenic Trail Committee, project development and delivery funding, including funds from both federal and non-federal sources, will be allocated to individual projects in Santa Cruz and Monterey County as follows: In Santa Cruz County, funding will be allocated to individual projects by SCCRTC, after considering recommendations from the Santa Cruz County Sanctuary Inter-Agency Task Force. In Monterey County, funding will be allocated to individual projects by TAMC.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as set forth below:

**AMBAG**

  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date 4/14/04

Approved as to Form

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AMBAG Counsel

**SCCRTC**

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Approved as to Form

  
SCCRTC Counsel \_\_\_\_\_ Date 4.22.04

**TAMC**

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Approved as to Form

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Kathy Paul  
TAMC Counsel