

**Agenda:** October 7, 2004

**To:** Regional Transportation Commission  
**From:** Linda Wilshusen, Executive Director  
**Re:** City of Santa Cruz TDA Article 8 Allocation Request

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission approve the attached resolution (Attachment 1) City of Santa Cruz's FY 2004/2005 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 8 project allocation request in the amount of \$40,000 (Exhibit 1 to Attachment 1).

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## **BACKGROUND**

Each year the Regional Transportation Commission allocates Article 8 Transportation Development Account (TDA) funds to local jurisdictions for bikeway and pedestrian projects. TDA funds allocated to a local jurisdiction may be rolled over from one fiscal year to the next. Claims with bicycle facilities must be reviewed by the Bicycle Advisory Committee prior to approval by the Regional Transportation Commission.

## **DISCUSSION**

The City of Santa Cruz is requesting an allocation of \$40,000 for FY 2004/2005 TDA funds for the East Cliff/Hiawatha Pedestrian Crossing Improvements Project. The purpose of this project will be to provide a safe and convenient connection for bicycles and pedestrians between the Boardwalk/Beach Flats/Beach Hill and the Seabright area. This project is a scaled down version of the intersection improvement presented to the Commission at the April 1, 2004 meeting for \$160,000 in Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds. Many projects competed for these funds and the Commission did not fund this project. The project was presented to the Bicycle Committee at the August 9, 2004 meeting where the Committee expressed that the project is a high priority due to safety considerations of the intersection. This crossing also serves as a route to Gault School on Seabright Avenue since children living in Beach Flats must now attend Gault.

Exhibit 1 is a letter from Chris Schneiter, Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer for the City of Santa Cruz, requesting the allocation of a total of \$40,000 in TDA Article 8 funds for the East Cliff/Hiawatha Pedestrian Crossing Improvements Project.

This project will provide a median refuge island, bulb-out which will accommodate pedestrians and cyclists crossing East Cliff Drive at Hiawatha Avenue (see diagram on Exhibit 1).

At the September 13, 2004 meeting the Bicycle Committee reviewed the project and while there were not enough members for a quorum, all members in attendance recommended that the Commission fund the project. **Staff recommends that the Commission approve the resolution approving the City of Santa Cruz allocation request.** All projects are consistent with the *2001 Regional Transportation Plan*.

## **SUMMARY**

The City of Santa Cruz is requesting an allocation of \$40,000 in TDA Article 8 funds for East Cliff/Hiawatha Pedestrian Crossing Improvements Project. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the City's allocation request.

Attachment 1: Resolution

Exhibit 1: Article 8 TDA Allocation Claim Letter from the City of Santa Cruz

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