

Agenda: January 5, 2006

To: Regional Transportation Commission
From: Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner
Re: County of Santa Cruz TDA Article 8 Claim

RECOMMENDATION

The Bicycle Committee and staff recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission approve the attached resolution (Attachment 1) approving the County of Santa Cruz's FY 2005/2006 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 8 claim for \$174,377 and a reallocation of \$29,526 (Exhibit 1 to Attachment 1) for pedestrian and bicycle projects.

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 local jurisdictions 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

Exhibit 1 is a letter from County of Santa Cruz Public Works requesting a \$174,377 allocation in TDA Article 8 funds for three bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects. The three projects are:

- Amesti Road School Pedestrian/Bike Safety Project - \$80,000
- San Lorenzo River Watershed Bike Trail Feasibility Study - \$15,573
- Sims Road School Pedestrian/Bike Safety Project - \$78,804

The County also requests a reallocation of allocated funds already received by the County (\$29,526) for the Wilder Ranch Bike Path project to the Wilder Ranch Bike Path Phase II project. The County of Santa Cruz has adequate funds in its TDA balance for this claim.

At its December 12, 2005 meeting, the Bicycle Committee reviewed the County's request and recommended that the Commission approve this TDA claim.

Therefore, **the Bicycle Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the County of Santa Cruz TDA Article 8 claim and reallocation request of \$29,526 already allocated funds.** All projects are consistent with the *2005 Regional Transportation Plan*.

SUMMARY

The County of Santa Cruz submitted a claim for \$174,377 in TDA Article 8 funds for three pedestrian and bicycle improvement projects and a reallocation of \$29,526 of previously allocated funds. The Bicycle Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the County of Santa Cruz's claim.

Attachment 1: Resolution

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

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