

**Agenda:** June 19, 2008

**To:** Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission  
**From:** Karena Pushnik, Senior Transportation Planner  
**Re:** Article 8 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Allocation Request for Wheel Chair Ramps on Sidewalks in the City of Watsonville

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee and staff recommend that the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission adopt a resolution (Attachment 1) approving an Article 8 Transportation Development Act Allocation Claim for the City of Watsonville effective July 1, 2008 in the amount of \$295,000 for the construction of wheel chair ramps in sidewalks throughout the city .

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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 according to formulas included in the RTC Rules and Regulations. TDA funds allocated to a local jurisdiction may be rolled over from one fiscal year to the next. TDA claims with pedestrian amenities must be reviewed by the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee prior to approval by the Regional Transportation Commission.

## **DISCUSSION**

The City of Watsonville is requesting \$295,000 in TDA funds to construct over 90 wheel chair ramps in sidewalks throughout the city (Exhibit A). Each ramp costs approximately \$3,350 to design and construct. The City of Watsonville has one of the most aggressive curb cut programs in the county and has adopted a policy to install ramps on all streets scheduled for repaving. In addition, the city prioritizes ramp installations based on highly utilized pedestrian corridors and citizen requests. The City of Watsonville has an adequate balance of TDA funds for this claim by combining unallocated funds from previous years with funds available in FY 08-09.

**The E/D TAC reviewed this claim at their June 10 meeting and, along with staff, recommend that the RTC approve by resolution the City of Watsonville's TDA claim for \$295,000 to construct curb cuts throughout the city (Attachment 1).**

## **SUMMARY**

The City of Watsonville requests funds for wheel chair ramps in sidewalks, and has gained the E/D TAC approval, as is required by the RTC's Rules and Regulations.

Attachment 1: Resolution to expend \$295,000 in Article 8 TDA funds to the City of Watsonville  
Exhibit A: Allocation Claim Letter from the City of Watsonville