To: Board of Supervisors

Board Agenda Date: April 14, 2015

Vote Requirement: Majority

Department or Agency Name(s): Regional Parks

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Supervisory District(s): First and Fifth

Title: Amendments to Measure M funding agreements for Central Sonoma Valley Trail and Bodega Bay Trail

Recommended Actions:

Authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 1 to a Cooperative Funding Agreement with Sonoma County Transportation Authority updating the financial plan and project schedule for Bodega Bay Trail, extending the project through 2021.

Authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 1 to a Cooperative Funding Agreement with Sonoma County Transportation Authority updating the financial plan and project schedule for Central Sonoma Valley Trail, extending the project schedule through 2016.

Executive Summary:

On November 2, 2004, the voters of Sonoma County approved the 2004 Traffic Relief Act for Sonoma County that provides a ¼ cent sales tax revenue for transportation projects. The Act, commonly referred to as Measure M, provides 4% of its funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects. Specific pedestrian and bicycle projects and anticipated sales tax revenue allocation are included in Measure M, including Highway 1 Bodega Bay Trail and Central Sonoma Valley Trail. For each of these projects, Regional Parks will generally be responsible for developing the separated multi-use trails and Transportation and Public Works Department will be responsible for developing the on street portions of the improvements.

The Measure M funding only covers a portion of the bicycle and pedestrian trail project costs. Regional Parks is successfully leveraging Measure M funding to secure regional, state, and federal grant funding.

Measure M designates (in 2004 dollars) $950,000 of forecast tax revenue for Bodega Bay Trail and $1.9 million for Central Sonoma Valley Trail. As trail project scoping was underway, Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) and County of Sonoma entered into Measure M Cooperative Funding Agreements for both Bodega Bay Trail and Central Sonoma Valley Trail on May 12, 2008. The
Agreements defined the framework for the overall projects, funding and scheduling. Under the current Agreements, planning, environmental review, and construction of trail segments connecting to existing infrastructure were completed. To date, $150,000 in Measure M funding has been allocated and spent for Bodega Bay Trail and $63,000 for Central Sonoma Valley Trail. Regional Parks now seeks an additional $300,000 allocation in Measure M funding for Bodega Bay Trail and $100,000 for Central Sonoma Valley Trail to extend completed segments of these trails.

An amendment for each of the Agreements is now needed to update the financial plan and project schedule. The amendments are needed before additional Measure M funding can be appropriated to these trail projects. The amendments more clearly define each project and available funds, and bring the Agreements into concurrence with funding programmed in the SCTA 2014 Measure M Strategic Plan. The Plan is a 5-year programming document, providing a snapshot of anticipated cash flow, as well as a commitment of funds to specific projects. The Plan is updated every two years to reflect actual revenues and project progression. The original agreements defined Measure M funding for fewer trail segments and the schedules were estimates made in 2008.

For the Bodega Bay Trail, the amendment extends the project completion to 2021 and identifies the Measure M funds used in prior years and available this and next fiscal year as $450,000 and expands the use to include trail segments described as North Harbor Coastal Trail and Smith Brothers Road. For Central Sonoma Valley Trail, the project schedule is extended to 2016 and the amount of Measure M funding available is $163,000 and expanded to include the trail segments along Verano Avenue from Sonoma Creek to Main Street. These amendments are consistent with the schedule and funding described for these projects in the Capital Project Plan 2015-2020 Update, which was received by the Board on March 17.

**Bodega Bay Trail**

The Bodega Bay Trail improvements are creating a safe route for pedestrians and bicyclists through the community of Bodega Bay from Salmon Creek to Doran Beach. This project is being constructed in phases, as funding is available, designs are developed, environmental compliance reached, and trail right-of-way is secured. Based upon additional design and analysis, the total current estimated project cost is $20.4 million, including Regional Parks and Transportation and Public Works portions of the project.

Measure M funds are providing matching funds for federal, state and regional grants. The $540,000 Cheney Creek Bridge and Trail project was completed in 2008 using $100,000 in Measure M funds, leveraging $440,000 in state grants and local funding.

The $1,483,000 Coastal Prairie Trail project is underway, with $50,000 in Measure M funds for environmental review and planning work. Regional Parks is now requesting $300,000 in Measure M funds to complete this trail segment. This additional funding is identified in the SCTA 2014 Measure M Strategic Plan. This project is also funded with $778,000 in secured grants and local funding and $355,000 requested in a pending grant application. Completion of this trail segment is anticipated in 2016.

Planning and environmental work continues for North Harbor Coastal Trail and Coastal Harbor Trail,
including Smith Brothers Road, segments of the Bodega Bay Trail, supported by state grant funding. The overall Bodega Bay Trail project completion is now estimated as 2021. Additional Measure M funding will be requested when it is available in future years, and would be used to leverage grant funding. As design of connecting trail segments continues, a future Cooperative Funding Agreement amendment will be needed.

Central Sonoma Valley Trail
The Central Sonoma Valley Trail is creating a safe route for pedestrians and bicyclists between Verano Avenue and Agua Caliente Road. This project is being constructed in phases, as funding is available, designs are developed, environmental compliance reached, and trail right-of-way is secured. With the additional design and analysis, the total current estimated project cost is $2.85 million, including Regional Parks and Transportation and Public Works portions of the project.

Past and proposed Measure M funds are providing matching funds for state and regional grants. The $189,000 trail segment completed in Larson Park used $63,000 in Measure M funds, leveraging $126,000 in state and regional grants. Regional Parks is now requesting $100,000 in Measure M funds for the Larson Park to Flowery Elementary School to Depot Road segment and Verano Avenue – Sonoma Creek to Main Street segment. This funding is identified in the SCTA 2014 Measure M Strategic Plan. This project is also funded with $525,000 in secured grants and local funding. Completion of this segment of the Central Sonoma Valley Trail is anticipated in 2016. As design of connecting trail segments continues, a future Cooperative Funding Agreement amendment will be needed.

Prior Board Actions:
April 1, 2008 By Resolution No. 08-0275 Board authorized the Chair to execute a Cooperative Funding Agreement with SCTA for the Central Sonoma Valley Trail Project
April 1, 2008 By Resolution No. 08-0274 Board authorized the Chair to execute a Cooperative Funding Agreement with SCTA for the Bodega Bay Trail Project

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**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

**Attachments:**

- Attachment 1: Central Sonoma Valley Trail Amendment 1 to Cooperative Funding Agreement
- Attachment 2: Central Sonoma Valley Trail Cooperative Funding Agreement
- Attachment 3: Bodega Bay Trail Amendment 1 to Cooperative Funding Agreement
- Attachment 4: Bodega Bay Trail Cooperative Funding Agreement

**Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:**