

Capitola City Council

Agenda Report



Meeting: June 9, 2022

From: Department of Public Works

Subject: Approval to Send Letter of Support for the County of Santa Cruz's Grant Application for Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10 and 11

Recommended Action: Authorize the Mayor to sign letter of support for the County of Santa Cruz's Grant Application for an Active Transportation Program Grant for Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10 and 11.

Background: The County of Santa Cruz is currently designing and completing environmental review for construction of the Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10 and 11 which run from 17th Avenue in Live Oak to State Park Drive in Aptos. Approximately 1.8 miles of the 4.5-mile project are located in Capitola. County Public Works has taken the role of lead agency in this project, including the portion in Capitola. To help fund the project the County is applying for a grant from Caltrans Active Transportation Program.

Discussion: The Coastal Rail Trail Segments 10 and 11 project will construction of two priority segments of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network. The County has hosted several public informational meetings on the project and City staff has sat in on many of their design meetings to keep abreast of the project. Current designs include options for trail-only project and a rail and trail project. If awarded, the grant would provide funding for either project. The RTC has unanimously supported funding for the development of trails on Segments 10 and 11, provided the funding is flexible and can be used for either project.

Fiscal Impact: None

Attachments:

1. Draft Letter of Support

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