



Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Subcommittee Report

TRANSPORTATION, WATER & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE Special Mtg

Meeting Date: 11/07/2017
Subject: RECEIVE update on the proposed Marsh Creek Corridor Multi-Use Trail Study, and DIRECT Staff as appropriate. (John Cunningham, DCD)
Submitted For: TRANSPORTATION, WATER & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE,
Department: Conservation & Development
Referral No.: 1
Referral Name: Review applications for transportation, water and infrastructure grants...
Presenter: John Cunningham, DCD Contact: John Cunningham (925)674-7833

Referral History:

Board of Supervisors

On April 12, 2016 the Board of Supervisors received a report from the Departments of Public Works and Conservation and Development regarding the concept of a Multi-Use Trail along the Marsh Creek Corridor and took the following actions, 1) RECEIVE report, 2) ADOPT Resolution No. 2016/326 supporting exploration of the concept of the Marsh Creek Corridor Multi-Use Trail, and supporting efforts to identify and secure funding for this project; 3) In collaboration with other proponents of the concept, ADVOCATE for support and funding for the Marsh Creek Corridor Multi-Use Trail, including study and potential implementation, in local, state, and federal transportation, recreation, park, and open space funding efforts and REQUEST consideration of the Marsh Creek Multi-use Trail in the sales tax matter currently under consideration by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority; 4) DIRECT staff to refine the preliminary budget and develop a scope of work for the feasibility analysis and AUTHORIZE staff to work with other prospective project partners to seek funding opportunities.

Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee (TWIC)

At the October 9, 2017 TWIC meeting staff brought a report with the following recommendations, "RECEIVE update on the proposed Marsh Creek Corridor Multi-Use Trail Study, and DIRECT staff as appropriate."

The draft record from the discussion:

Staff was directed to to address the following concerns and issues: develop a strategy and Request for Proposal/Scope of Work that would increase the likelihood of the project moving ahead expeditiously, ensure that the East Bay Regional Park District and the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy are active partners, establish a study budget which clearly funds the local match, and return to the Committee for approval to proceed.

Referral Update:

This report is intended to respond to 1) the concerns raised at October 2017 TWIC meeting {discussed above}, and 2) the direction in the Board of Supervisor's (BOS) Resolution 2016/326 {specifically "...refine the preliminary budget and develop a scope of work..."}.

In addition to responding to the direction described above, staff has become aware of available funding through several grant programs and is requesting that TWIC recommend that the BOS approve submission of grants to a] Caltrans under the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant program, b] the Coastal Conservancy under the Proposition 1 Grant (multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects) Program, and c] the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) under the Priority Conservation Area grant program.

Project Background

Marsh Creek Road is a popular commute and recreational route for bicyclists traveling between Central County and East County in spite of the lack of bicycle facilities. In 2015 and 2016, the Public Works Department (PWD) and Department of Conservation and Development (DCD) staff initiated exploration of the general concept of a multi-use non-motorized trail along the Marsh Creek Corridor. The proposed trail would run from an existing Class II bicycle facility in Clayton to the Round Valley Regional Preserve, where it would connect to a proposed extension of the existing Marsh Creek Trail. Completion of the multi-use trail along the Marsh Creek Corridor would result in one continuous non-motorized facility from Concord to the Delta Shoreline. A more complete project description and map is attached, *One-Pager-Marsh Creek Corridor Multi-Use Trail.pdf*.

As detailed at the bottom of this report, the project has support from interested and impacted agencies including four cities, the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), Save Mount Diablo, and the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy (ECCCHC). This support is in addition to adopted policy support in the Contra Costa County General Plan and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (*MCT_Support_Docs.pdf*).

From a positive public investment perspective, the project will leverage what are, and will be, sunk costs resulting from the active and planned acquisition and restoration activities in the corridor. Save Mount Diablo, the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy, and the EBRPD are actively acquiring and restoring creek and roadside parcels in the corridor.

Project Development - Update

Consistent with the BOS direction, PWD and DCD staff have refined a scope-of-work for the feasibility study (Attached 11-1-17 Marsh Creek Trail Scope of Work - Draft.pdf) and are requesting:

- 1) authorization from TWIC and the BOS to apply for grants that would, if successful, replace the Livable Communities Trust Fund contribution in the funding package identified below, and
- 2) authorization to develop and release a Request for Proposals to select a consultant to conduct the study.

After reviewing comparable studies, staff estimates that the necessary work can be completed at a cost of \$300,000. The scope-of-work includes a number of tasks to be completed, including data collection, public outreach, identification and analysis of alternatives, and ultimately, a feasibility analysis consistent with original BOS direction. The project currently has the following fund sources identified that are sufficient to fund the Study:

- **District 3:** Committed \$250,000 from the from its Livable Communities Trust (LCT) Fund.
- **East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy:** \$25,000 from Restoration Planning Funds
- **Public Works Department:** \$25,000 from the Road Fund (gas tax) budget, Advance Planning line item.

The intent is to have either the Caltrans, Coastal Conservancy, or MTC grant replace the \$250,000 LCT funds. In the event these applications are unsuccessful, staff will proceed with the RFP and study using the fund sources identified above.

Local Match for Grants

Caltrans - Senate Bill 1 Grant: A \$200,000 grant under the Sustainable Transportation program would require a \$26,000 local match. The ECCCHC funds would cover the majority of the match. Non SB1 Gas tax is ineligible for use as match, staff recommends District 3 LCT funds be used for the remainder.

Coastal Conservancy Grant - Proposition 1: No local match is required but it does count towards points on the application. From the grant application: "Projects that have at least 25% matching funds will receive 3 points. Projects with greater than 50% matching funds will receive 5 points."

Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)/Coastal Conservancy - Priority

Conservation Area (PCA) Grant: No information has been published on this grant program at the time this staff report is being published. However, communication with MTC staff indicates that a Request for Proposal should be released by the end of year. The administration of the grant is not clear yet, while the funding may come from MTC, the grant may be administered by the Coastal Conservancy.

If TWIC approves the recommendations of this report, staff will begin a phased preparation of the Caltrans, Coastal Conservancy, and MTC grant applications. In the event the Caltrans Grant is awarded, the Coastal Conservancy Grant will be withdrawn. While the timing of the MTC/PCA grant is unknown, staff would take a similar approach and either suspend work or withdraw the application if we are successful with an earlier grant.

The tentative schedule for the three grant programs are included below.

Caltrans Senate Bill 1 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants (grants will support regional sustainable communities strategies and help to achieve the State's greenhouse gas reductions targets)

January 2, 2018 – Release Grant Guides and call for applications

February 23, 2018 – Grant applications due

March 2018 – Application evaluation period

May 2018 – Management approval and release grant announcements

February 1, 2019 – Non-MPO/RTPA final due date for contract packages

May 1, 2019 – MPO/RTPA final due date for programming funds in Overall Work Programs (OWPs) and OWP Agreements.

February 28, 2021 – ALL grant tasks must be completed

April 30, 2021 – ALL final invoices must be submitted

Coastal Conservancy Proposition 1 (multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects) **Grant Program**

Winter 2017 Grant Round

December 2017 - Request for Proposals Released

February 2018 - Proposals Due

Spring 2018 Grant Round

March 2018 - Request for Proposals Released

May 2018 - Proposals Due

Metropolitan Transportation Commission/Coastal Conservancy - Priority Conservation Area Grant

Unconfirmed:

Late 2017 - Request for Proposals

Spring 2018 - Applications Due

Existing Policy Support (referenced documents are attached, MCT_Support_Docs.pdf)

- City of Antioch: Resolution 2016/116 Supporting the Exploration of the Marsh Creek Multi-Use Trail Concept
- City of Brentwood: Resolution 2016/113 Supporting the Exploration of the Marsh Creek Multi-Use Trail Concept
- City of Clayton: Resolution 46-2016 Supporting the Concept of the Marsh Creek Corridor Multi-Use Trail
- City of Oakley: Resolution 153-16 Supporting the Exploration of the Marsh Creek Multi-use Trail Concept
- Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors: Resolution 2016/326 Supporting the Concept of a Marsh Creek Corridor Multi-Use Trail
- Contra Costa County General Plan: The "Bicycle Facilities Network" map includes a bicycle facility along Marsh Creek Road.
- Contra Costa Transportation Authority: The Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan include support for the subject project including 1) planned bicycle facilities along Marsh Creek Road, and 2) the inclusion of the Marsh Creek Corridor in the *"Countywide Bicycle Network"*. The Countywide Bicycle Network is described in the plan as *"...the primary bikeway corridors that would connect Contra Costa cities and towns with major destinations. It is intended as the framework around which more local bikeways are integrated into a countywide system."*
- East Bay Regional Park District: Resolution 2016-06-160 to Support Contra Costa County's Leadership on the Concept of a Marsh Creek Corridor Multi-Use Trail
- East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy: Resolution 2015-02 Supporting the Concept of a Marsh Creek Corridor Multi-Use Trail
- Save Mount Diablo: Letter from the Director of Land Programs supporting the Marsh Creek Corridor Multi-Use Trail

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

RECEIVE update on the proposed Marsh Creek Corridor Multi-Use Trail, RECOMMEND that the Board of Supervisors approve the submission of grant application(s), "Marsh Creek Multi-Use Trail Feasibility Study" to following agencies and grant programs, Caltrans Senate Bill 1

Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant, Coastal Conservancy Proposition 1 Grant, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Priority Conservation Area Grant, and authorize staff to develop and release a Request for Proposals to select a consultant to conduct the study.

Fiscal Impact (if any):

No impact to the County's General Fund. Staff time and proposed County funding is included in existing work plans and budgets.

Attachments-Y

One Pager Marsh Creek Corridor Multi-Use Trail

MCT Support Docs

11-01-17 Marsh Creek Trail Scope of Work - Draft

RESOLUTION NO. 2016/116

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH SUPPORTING THE EXPLORATION OF THE MARSH CREEK MULTI- USE TRAIL CONCEPT THAT WOULD CONNECT THE DELTA TO MOUNT DIABLO AND NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES; AND SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY AND SECURE PROJECT STUDY AND IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING FROM LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION, RECREATION, PARK AND OPEN SPACE SOURCES

WHEREAS, Marsh Creek Road is a major thoroughfare that connects Central Contra Costa County and East Contra Costa County and is the gateway to 110,000 acres of open space and recreational areas managed by the East Bay Regional Park District, Contra Costa Water District, State Parks and other local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, once this trail and adjacent trails are completed, there will be a continuous non-motorized network in Eastern Contra Costa County, including this link, from Central Contra Costa County to the Delta; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of bicycle trips take place on Marsh Creek Road, in spite of the lack of a bicycle path or dedicated lanes; and

WHEREAS, in East Contra Costa County, the Marsh Creek Trail currently runs from the Big Break Regional Shoreline in the City of Oakley to the City of Brentwood's southern city limits, leaving a gap between that terminus and trails in Clayton; and

WHEREAS, Marsh Creek Road within the City of Clayton ("Clayton") has an existing Class II bicycle lane, which connects to Clayton's extensive trail network into the City of Concord ("Concord") and Mount Diablo State Park; and

WHEREAS, the completed multi-use trail would create a new, major non-motorized east-west thoroughfare for expanded and safer commuting and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, improved access to separated trails of the type proposed, are consistently shown to substantially increase use of non-motorized modes of travel relative to facilities in the shared roadway; and

WHEREAS, construction of the trail could be performed in conjunction with restoration of Marsh Creek, as anticipated in the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan and be constructed in a sensitive manner that reflects the scenic and natural resources of the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Antioch does hereby support the exploration of the Marsh Creek Multi-Use Trail concept that would connect the Delta to Mount Diablo and neighboring communities; and

supporting efforts to identify and secure project study and implementation funding from local, state, and federal transportation, recreation, park and open space sources.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Antioch at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 25th day of October 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Wilson, Ogorchock, Tiscareno, Rocha and Mayor Harper

NOES: None

ABSENT: None



ARNE SIMONSEN
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-113

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD SUPPORTING THE EXPLORATION OF THE MARSH CREEK MULTI-USE TRAIL CONCEPT THAT WOULD CONNECT THE DELTA TO MOUNT DIABLO AND NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES; AND SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY AND SECURE PROJECT STUDY AND IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING FROM LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION, RECREATION, PARK AND OPEN SPACE SOURCES.

WHEREAS, Marsh Creek Road is a major thoroughfare that connects Central Contra Costa County and East Contra Costa County and is the gateway to 110,000 acres of open space and recreational areas managed by the East Bay Regional Park District, Contra Costa Water District, State Parks and other local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of bicycle trips take place on Marsh Creek Road, in spite of the lack of a bicycle path or a dedicated lane; and

WHEREAS, Marsh Creek Road within the City of Clayton ("Clayton") has an existing Class II bicycle lane, which connects to Clayton's extensive trail network into the City of Concord ("Concord") and Mount Diablo State Park; and

WHEREAS, in East Contra Costa County, the Marsh Creek Trail currently runs from the Big Break Regional Shoreline in the City of Oakley ("Oakley") to the City of Brentwood's ("Brentwood") southern city limits, leaving a gap between that terminus and trails in Clayton; and

WHEREAS, the completed multi-use trail would create a new major non-motorized east-west thoroughfare for expanded and safer commuting and recreational opportunities, would provide non-motorized access to Downtown Clayton, Diablo View Middle School, Mount Diablo State Park, Round Valley Regional Preserve, and the Marsh Creek Trail through the cities of Brentwood and Oakley; and

WHEREAS, once this trail and adjacent trails are completed, there will be one continuous non-motorized route from Central Contra Costa County to the Delta; and

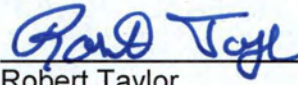
WHEREAS, improved access to separated trails, of the type proposed, are consistently shown to substantially increase use of non-motorized modes of travel relative to facilities in the shared roadway; and

WHEREAS, construction of the trail could be performed in conjunction with restoration of Marsh Creek, as anticipated in the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan and be constructed in a sensitive manner that reflects the scenic and natural resources of the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Brentwood does hereby support the exploration of the Marsh Creek Multi-Use Trail concept that would connect the Delta to Mount Diablo and neighboring communities; and supporting efforts to identify and secure project study and implementation funding from local, state, and federal transportation, recreation, park and open space sources.


PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Brentwood at a regular meeting held on the 23rd day of August 2016 by the following vote:

AYES:	Barr, Bryant, Clare, Stonebarger, Taylor
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None



Robert Taylor
Mayor

ATTEST:



Margaret Wimberly, MMC
City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 46 - 2016

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONCEPT OF THE MARSH CREEK CORRIDOR MULTI-USE TRAIL CONNECTING THE DELTA SHORELINE WITH MOUNT DIABLO

THE CITY COUNCIL City of Clayton, California

WHEREAS, Marsh Creek Road is a major thoroughfare connecting Central and East Contra Costa County and is the gateway to 110,000 acres of open space and recreational areas managed by the East Bay Regional Park District, Contra Costa Water District, State Parks and other local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Marsh Creek Road has a significant number of bicycle trips without a bicycle path or dedicated lane; and

WHEREAS, Marsh Creek Road within the City of Clayton has an existing Class II bicycle lane, which connects to Clayton's extensive trail network linking Concord and Mount Diablo State Park; and

WHEREAS, in East Contra Costa County, the Marsh Creek Trail currently runs from the Big Break Regional Shoreline in Oakley to the southern city limits of the City of Brentwood, leaving a gap between that terminus and trails in the City of Clayton; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan call for bicycle facilities along Marsh Creek Road; and

WHEREAS, the completed multi-use trail would create a new major non-motorized east-west thoroughfare for expanded and safer commuting and recreational opportunities, would provide non-motorized access to Downtown Clayton, Diablo View Middle School, Mount Diablo State Park, Round Valley Regional Preserve, and the Marsh Creek Trail through Brentwood and Oakley; and

WHEREAS, once this trail and adjacent trails are completed, there will be one continuous non-motorized route from Central Contra Costa County to the Delta shoreline; and

WHEREAS, improved access to separated trails, of the type proposed, are consistently shown to substantially increase use of non-motorized modes of travel relative to facilities in the shared roadway; and

WHEREAS, construction of the trail could be performed in conjunction with restoration of Marsh Creek, as anticipated in the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan / Natural Community Conservation Plan and be constructed in a sensitive manner that reflects the scenic and natural resources of the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CLAYTON, CALIFORNIA THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Council does hereby find and affirm the above noted Recitals are true and correct are hereby incorporated in the body of this Resolution as if restated in full.

SECTION 2. The City Council does hereby support exploration of the concept of the Marsh Creek Multi-Use Trail, and will support efforts to identify and secure funding for this project, including the study and potential implementation, in local, state, and federal transportation, recreation, park, and open space funding efforts.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Clayton, California at a regular public meeting thereof held on 19th day of July 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Geller, Vice Mayor Diaz, Councilmembers Haydon and Pierce.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Shuey.

ABSTAIN: None.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF CLAYTON, CA



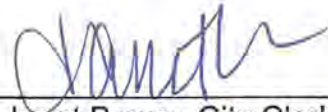
HOWARD GELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:



Janet Brown, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted and passed by the City Council of Clayton, California at a regular public meeting thereof held on July 19, 2016.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janet Brown", is written over a horizontal line.

Janet Brown, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 153-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKLEY SUPPORTING THE EXPLORATION OF THE MARSH CREEK MULTI-USE TRAIL CONCEPT THAT COULD CONNECT THE DELTA TO MOUNT DIABLO AND NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES; AND SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY AND SECURE PROJECT STUDY AND IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING FROM LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION, RECREATION, PARK AND OPEN SPACE SOURCES

WHEREAS, Marsh Creek Road is a major thoroughfare that connects Central Contra Costa County and East Contra Costa County, and is the gateway to 110,000 acres of open space and recreational areas managed by the East Bay Regional Park District, Contra Costa Water District, State Parks and other local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of bicycle trips take place on Marsh Creek Road, in spite of the lack of a bicycle path or a dedicated lane; and

WHEREAS, Marsh Creek Road within the City of Clayton ("Clayton") has an existing Class II bicycle lane, which connects to Clayton's extensive trail network into the City of Concord ("Concord") and Mount Diablo State Park; and

WHEREAS, in East Contra Costa County, the Marsh Creek Trail currently runs from the Big Break Regional Shoreline in the City of Oakley ("Oakley") to the City of Brentwood's ("Brentwood") southern city limits, leaving a gap between that terminus and trails in Clayton; and

WHEREAS, the completed multi-use trail would create a new major non-motorized east-west thoroughfare for expanded and safer commuting and recreational opportunities, would provide non-motorized access to Downtown Clayton, Diablo View Middle School, Mount Diablo State Park, Round Valley Regional Preserve, and the Marsh Creek Trail through the cities of Brentwood and Oakley; and

WHEREAS, once this trail and adjacent trails are completed, there will be one continuous non-motorized route from Central Contra Costa County to the Delta; and

WHEREAS, improved access to separated trails, of the type proposed, are consistently shown to substantially increase use of non-motorized modes of travel relative to facilities in the shared roadway; and

WHEREAS, construction of the trail could be performed in conjunction with restoration of Marsh Creek, as anticipated in the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan and be constructed in a sensitive manner that reflects the scenic and natural resources of the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Oakley does hereby support the exploration of the Marsh Creek Multi-Use Trail concept that would connect the Delta to Mount Diablo and neighboring communities; and supporting efforts to identify and secure project study and implementation funding from local, state, and federal transportation, recreation, park and open space sources.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oakley at a regular meeting held on the 11th day of October, 2016 by the following vote:

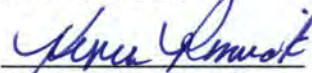
AYES: Hardcastle, Higgins, Perry, Pope, Romick

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

APPROVED:


Kevin Romick, Mayor

ATTEST:


Libby Vreonis, City Clerk

10-12-16
Date

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

and for Special Districts, Agencies and Authorities Governed by the Board

Adopted this Resolution on 04/12/2016 by the following vote:

AYE: ☒ 5 **John Gioia**
Candace Andersen
Mary N. Piepho
Karen Mitchoff
Federal D. Glover

NO: ☐

ABSENT: ☐

ABSTAIN: ☐

RECUSE: ☐



Resolution No. 2016/326

RESOLUTION OF THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTING THE CONCEPT OF A MARSH CREEK CORRIDOR MULTI-USE TRAIL THAT CONNECTS THE DELTA TO MOUNT DIABLO AND NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, Marsh Creek Road is a major thoroughfare that connects Central Contra Costa County and East Contra Costa County and is the gateway to 110,000 acres of open space and recreational areas managed by the East Bay Regional Park District, Contra Costa Water District, State Parks and other local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of bicycle trips take place on Marsh Creek Road, in spite of the lack of a bicycle path or a dedicated lane; and

WHEREAS, Marsh Creek Road within Clayton has an existing Class II bicycle lane, which connects to Clayton's extensive trail network into Concord and Mount Diablo State Park; and

WHEREAS, in East Contra Costa County, the Marsh Creek Trail currently runs from the Big Break Regional Shoreline in Oakley to the southern city limits of the City of Brentwood, leaving a gap between that terminus and trails in the City of Clayton; and

WHEREAS, the completed multi-use trail would create a new major non-motorized east-west thoroughfare for expanded and safer commuting and recreational opportunities, would provide non-motorized access to Downtown Clayton, Diablo View Middle School, Mount Diablo State Park, Round Valley Regional Preserve, and the Marsh Creek Trail through Brentwood and Oakley; and

WHEREAS, once this trail and adjacent trails are completed, there will be one continuous non-motorized route from Central Contra Costa County to the Delta; and

WHEREAS, improved access to separated trails, of the type proposed, are consistently shown to substantially increase use of non-motorized modes of travel relative to facilities in the shared roadway; and

WHEREAS, construction of the trail could be performed in conjunction with restoration of Marsh Creek, as anticipated in the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan / Natural Community Conservation Plan and be constructed in a sensitive manner that reflects the scenic and natural resources of the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the CONTRA COSTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS will support exploration of the concept of the Marsh Creek Corridor Multi-Use Trail, and will support efforts to identify and secure funding for this project, including study and potential implementation, in local, state, and federal transportation, recreation, park and open space funding efforts.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: April 12, 2016

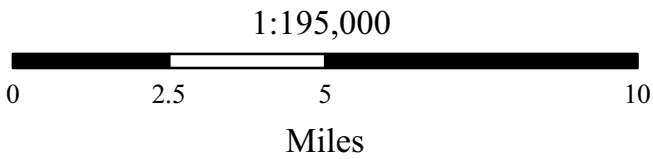
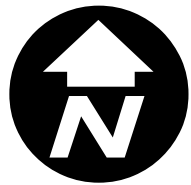
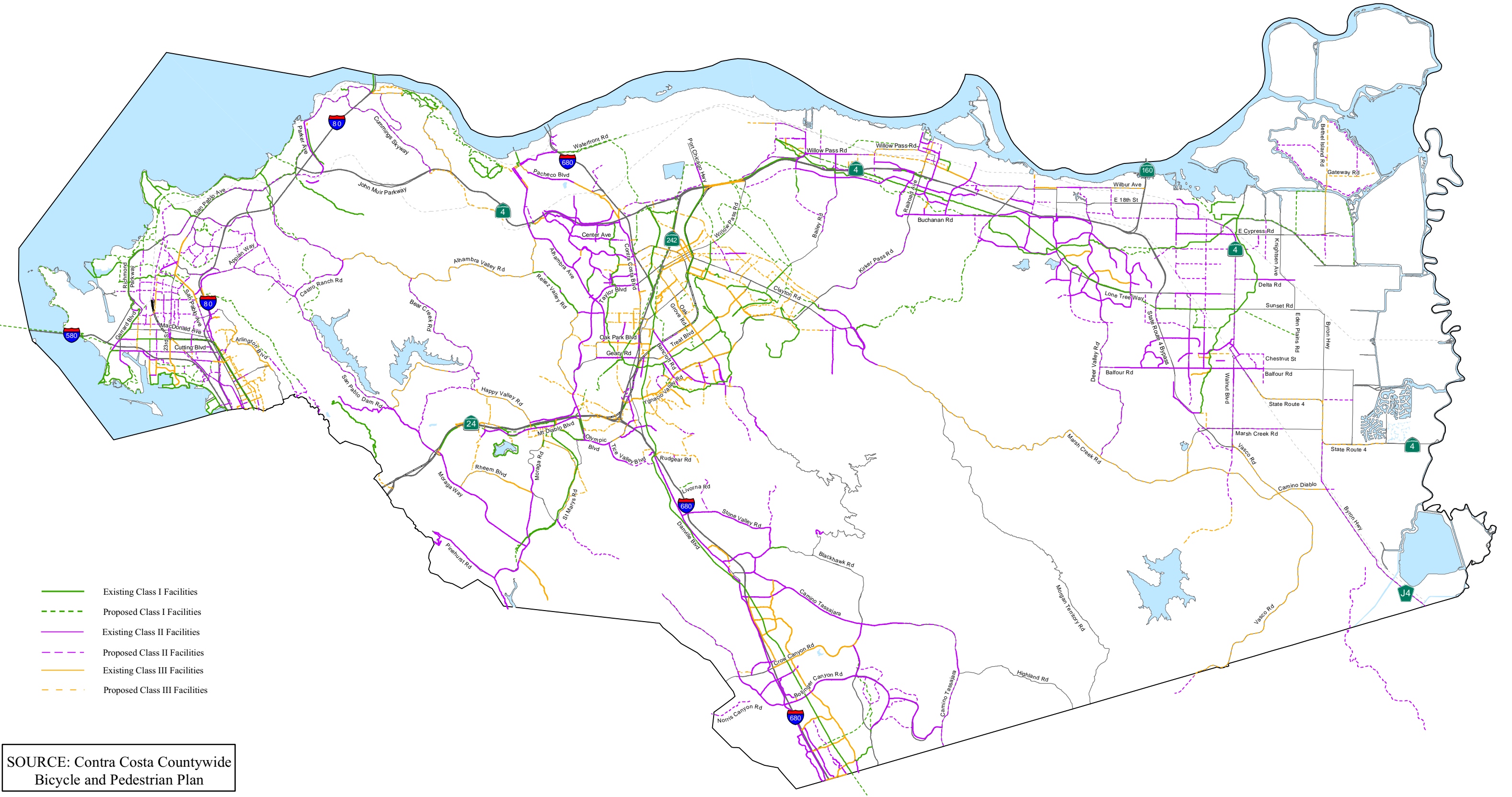
David J. Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Contact: John Cunningham (925) 674-7833

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Bicycle Facilities Network



- Freeways & Highways
- Major Roads
- BART
- Railroads

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Map Created on June 22nd, 2010
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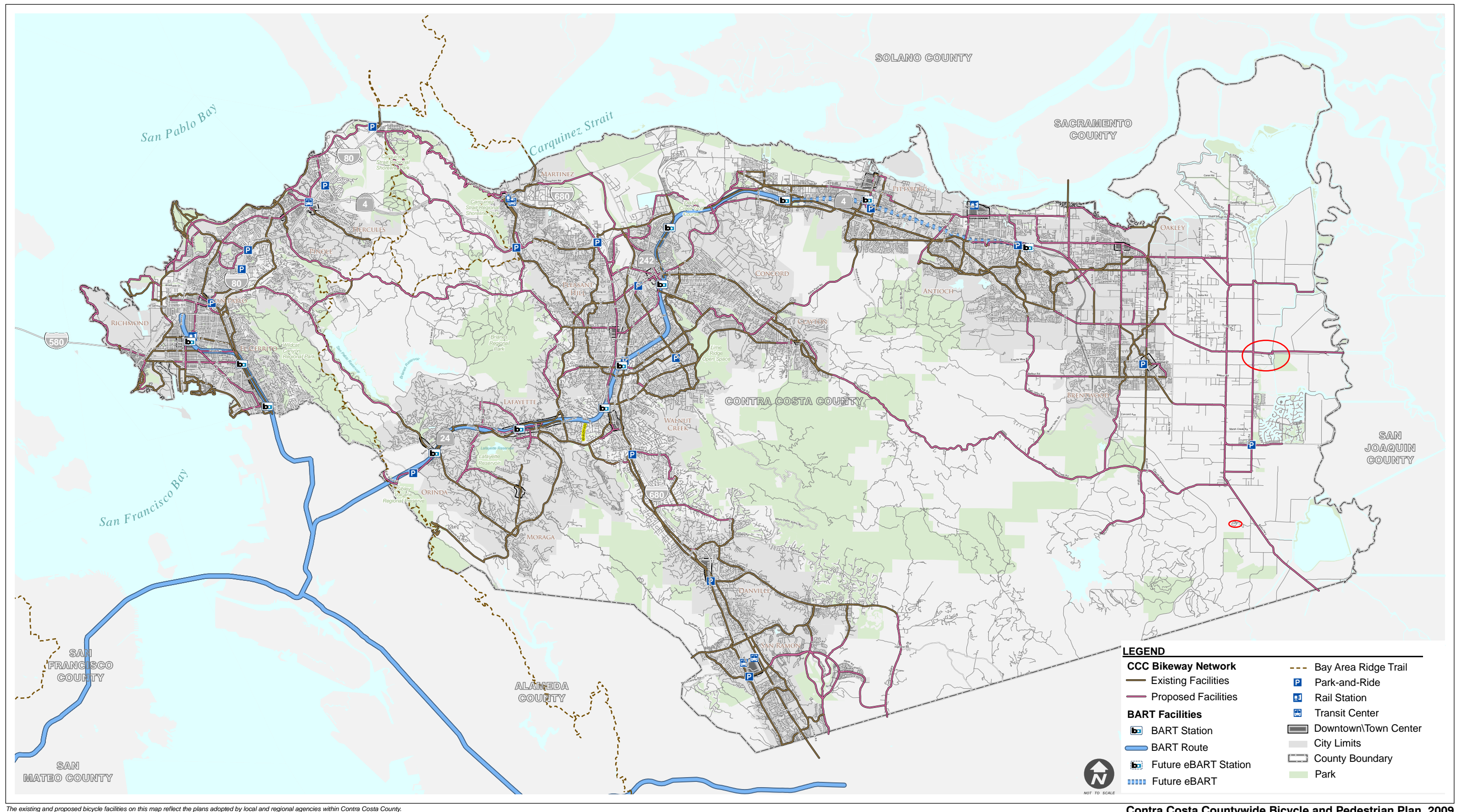


Figure 1: Countywide Bikeway Network

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO.: 2016 - 06 - 160

June 21, 2016

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT CONTRA COSTA COUNTY'S LEADERSHIP ON THE
CONCEPT OF A MARSH CREEK CORRIDOR MULTI-USE TRAIL

WHEREAS, Marsh Creek Road is a major thoroughfare which connects Central Contra Costa County and East Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of bicycle trips take place on Marsh Creek Road despite the narrow and serpentine character of the corridor; and

WHEREAS, a separate, multi-use trail would create a new non-motorized east-west thoroughfare for expanded and safer commuting and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, construction of the trail could be performed in conjunction with restoration of Marsh Creek, as anticipated in the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan / Natural Community Conservation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the trail would connect Big Break Regional Shoreline to Round Valley Regional Preserve; and

WHEREAS, although the District currently has no funding committed to this project, support of the concept is consistent with previous Green Transportation efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby support Contra Costa County's leadership on the concept of a Marsh Creek corridor multi-use trail; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents, and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

Moved by Director Burgis, seconded by Director Wieskamp, and adopted this 21st day of June, 2016 by the following vote:

FOR: Diane Burgis, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, John Sutter,
Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp.
AGAINST: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.


Doug Siden, Board President

CERTIFICATION

I, Yolande Barial Knight, Clerk of the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2016-06-160 adopted by the Board of Directors at a regular meeting held on June 21, 2016.





Board of Directors

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Communications Manager
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Dana Halpin
General Office Manager
George Phillips
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Jim Cartan
Stewardship & Outreach Coordinator
Hidemi Crosse
Bookkeeper
Shannon Grover
Development Associate
Kristen Noe
Development Associate

October 3, 2016

John Kopchik, Director
Department of Conservation and Development
Contra Costa County
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

Dear John:

Save Mount Diablo supports the development of the Marsh Creek Corridor Multi-Use Trail as a tool for protecting land that provides important habitat and for improving connectivity to open space. The completed trail will not only provide a safe non-motorized route between Clayton and Brentwood for bicyclists, pedestrians and equestrians – it will give local residents and tourists alike more ready access to the 110,000 acres of open space contiguous to Marsh Creek that is managed by the East Bay Regional Park District, Contra Costa Water District, State Parks, and other organizations including Save Mount Diablo. Additional potential trail connections through Concord and Oakley give this regional trail project the potential to be an extremely significant public benefit.

As a local, nonprofit land conservation organization, Save Mount Diablo works to preserve, defend and restore land on and around the mountain for all to enjoy. We believe our role in the project is to ensure natural resource protection is a central value of the design principals, habitat is protected during the planning and construction of the trail, and to help optimize the trail's eventual use through thoughtful design.

It is our hope that construction of the trail will be performed in conjunction with restoration of Marsh Creek, as anticipated in the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan, and be constructed in a manner that reflects the scenic and natural resources of the area.

Save Mount Diablo looks forward to further participation in the planning process and hopes you will call upon us for information and assistance as the need arises.

Best regards,

Meredith Hendricks
Director of Land Programs



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Approved by the following vote on August 24, 2015.

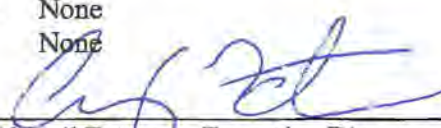
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Attest:


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