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Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Julia R. Bueren, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer  
Date: January 19, 2016

Subject: APPROVE the Blackhawk Road Bikeway Project and related actions under the California Environmental Quality Act

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE the Blackhawk Road Bikeway Project and AUTHORIZE the Public Works Director, or designee, to advertise the project, Blackhawk area. Project No.: 0676-6P1025, DCD-CP#15-48 (District 3);

DETERMINE the project is a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Class 1c Categorical Exemption, pursuant to Section 15301 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines; and

AUTHORIZE the Public Works Director to arrange for payment of a \$25 fee to Conservation and Development for processing, and a \$50 fee to the County Clerk for filing the Notice of Exemption.

ADOPT Resolution No. 2016/37 to approve and authorize the Public Works Director, or designee, to submit a 2016/2017 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Grant Application to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in the total amount of \$100,000 for fiscal year 2016/2017 for the Blackhawk Road Bikeway Project.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **01/19/2016** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I  
Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II  
Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV  
Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V  
Supervisor

ABSENT: Mary N. Piepho, District III  
Supervisor

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: January 19, 2016

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

By: Stacey M. Boyd, Deputy

Contact: Mary Halle  
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cc:

This project will be funded by approximately 27% Transportation Development Act Grant Funds and 73% Local Road Funds.

## BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this project is to improve bicyclist safety by providing bicycle lanes and related improvements over 3.6 miles of Blackhawk Road, providing an additional mode of transportation for commuting or recreation. There are no existing bicycle facilities along Blackhawk Road between Mt. Diablo Scenic Boulevard and Camino Tassajara. Blackhawk Road is the main access point for students who attend The Athenian School. This project would provide bicycle access for students and local residents to ride their bikes on Blackhawk Road for transportation or recreational purposes. In addition, the project would provide bicycle access for residents making trips to the shopping mall near Camino Tassajara and Blackhawk Road. There are also bus stops along the project limits, which mean this project will provide multi-modal connections for residents as well.

The project consists of striping Class II bicycle lanes on Blackhawk Road from San Andreas Drive to Blackhawk Plaza Circle within the existing roadway. Current lane widths, which are at or greater than the standard width of 12 feet, will need to be narrowed to accommodate the new Class II bicycle lanes. Existing striping will be removed and new striping will be installed between San Andreas Drive and Blackhawk Plaza Circle. This project will also place sharrow markings for Class III bike routes from San Andreas Drive to Mt. Diablo Scenic Boulevard and from Blackhawk Plaza Circle to Camino Tassajara, due to lack of existing roadway width for Class II bicycle lanes. Sign posts will be added along the entire length of the project area to designate the type of bikeway available. The project may include either a road surface treatment prior to restriping traffic lanes or existing striping will be removed and new striping will be installed. There will be no changes to existing drainage or utilities and no rights-of-way or easements will be needed as the project will stay entirely within the existing pavement. Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented to protect storm drain inlets. One lane will be open for traffic during construction activities. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Delay in approving the project will result in a delay of design and construction and may jeopardize funding.

## ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No. 2016/37

Attachment A

Attachment B

CEQA Blackhawk Road Bikeway

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