

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Grant Application to the Bikes Belong Grant Program for San Jose Creek Bikeway Planning (southern extent)

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors approve the submittal of a \$10,000 grant application to the Bikes Belong grant program to supplement funding for planning the southern extent of the San Jose Creek Bikeway Project (2nd Supervisorial District).

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit and Goal No. 5.A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

Bikes Belong Coalition is a membership organization founded by bicycle industry leaders. The Coalition accepts grant applications from non-profit organizations and local governments committed to increasing bicycling. Applicants can request up to \$10,000. Bikeway planning is an eligible activity under the Bikes Belong program.

As indicated in the adopted Goleta Transportation Improvement Plan and Bicycle Master Plan, the San Jose Creek Bikeway project extends approximately three miles along the bank of San Jose Creek from Cathedral Oaks Road to the Atascadero Creek Bikeway at Goleta Beach. Once built, it will provide a centralized, key link in the Goleta Valley bicycle path network by providing needed undercrossings of Calle Real, Hwy 101, and the railroad which will provide direct alternative transportation access to City and County areas such as Goleta Beach, the Atascadero Creek Bikeway, and Goleta Old Town. The project is divided into two sections: the northern section from Cathedral Oaks Road to Hollister Avenue and the southern section from

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Hollister to Goleta Beach. The grant request is focused on the southern section to supplement existing funding for planning activities currently underway with the City of Goleta particularly County permitting and project management costs. With Goleta incorporation, one-third of the proposed extent is in the County and two-thirds is in the City of Goleta. The County and City agreed the County will continue to be the lead agency in planning the project since the County was the recipient of other planning funds for this project prior to incorporation. Both jurisdictions consider this project to be a high priority and are working together.

Mandates and Service Levels:

This project is identified in the adopted Parks, Recreational and Trails map, Goleta Community Plan, Goleta Transportation Improvement Plan and Bicycle Master Plan. Planning the San Jose Creek Bikeway Project is included in the Comprehensive Planning Five-Year Work Program. The action will not impact service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

If the \$10,000 Bikes Belong grant is awarded, it will supplement staff funding for planning the project. No matching funds are required. Obtaining this grant will not result in fiscal impacts to the department budget.

Concurrence:

Public Works