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ABAG

Date: November 13, 2014

To: ABAG Executive Board

From: Laura Thompson
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Subject: **Adoption of Resolution 18-14 Confirming CEQA Determination for Phase 2 of the Google/San Francisco Bay Trail Resurfacing Project**

Executive Summary

The San Francisco Bay Trail Project coordinates the completion of a 500-mile continuous shoreline trail that will connect 47 cities and nine counties and cross seven toll bridges. Currently, 340 miles are completed and in use by the public. Along a 6-mile stretch of the Bay Trail in the Mountain View – Sunnyvale area, the trail is a popular bicycle/pedestrian route used for recreation and car-free commutes along a gravel levee.

However, the existing gravel/base rock surface of the levee is loose, resulting in poor traction. Portions of the alignment have potholes and other portions are narrow. The overall scope of the project is to resurface the trail from Crittenden Lane in Mountain View to the Sunnyvale Water Treatment Plant, a total of 21,600 linear feet. This project covers Phase 2 which involves 9,500 linear feet of trail. The trail will be resurfaced with quarry fines and the primary objective of the project is to improve bicyclist safety and function while staying within the footprint of the existing levee trail. The project is a voluntary improvement project funded by Google.

Because the project spans the boundaries of several property owners, including NASA/AMES property leased by Google, Lockheed Martin and City of Sunnyvale properties, ABAG has stepped forward as the lead agency responsible for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). ABAG staff has made factual findings to support a determination that the project is Categorical Exempt under CEQA's Section 15301, Class I exemption and ABAG's Legal Counsel concurs with the staff conclusion that the project is therefore exempt.

Upon adoption of the resolution, Bay Trail staff will file the Notice of Exemption with the Santa Clara County Clerk's Office.

Recommended Action

The Executive Board is requested to adopt Resolution No. 18-14 authorizing the filing of the Notice of Categorical Exemption under CEQA.

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Attachments:

CEQA Notice of Categorical Exemption and 100% Bid-Set Construction Documents
Resolution No. 18-14