

DATE: November 1, 2007

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION NO. 8182 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION PROGRAM UNDER SECTION 164.56 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE FOR THE ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE FOLSOM LAKE TRAIL PROJECT**

BACKGROUND/ISSUE

The City of Folsom Bikeway Master Plan identifies a Class I bike trail, referred to as the Folsom Lake Trail that extends from the Historic Truss Bridge to Green Valley Road. The proposed alignment traverses through Folsom Prison, Bureau of Reclamation and State Parks properties, totaling approximately four miles. In an effort to start pursuing funding for this trail, it has been broken into phases with the first phase being the acquisition of an easement from Folsom Prison and design and construction of a trail overcrossing at the new road below the dam (Attachment 2). The proposed project will require two different grants to fund the full cost of the trail overcrossing and the acquisition of the easement.

The construction of the new bridge below the dam is expected to reroute a significant amount of traffic back to the East Natoma/Dam Road area once it is open. The ability to provide a grade-separated crossing for the trail user is necessary to eliminate conflicts between the trail user and automobile traffic. The opportunity to design and construct the overcrossing in combination with the roadway construction is critical and is the most cost-efficient option.

To help reduce the overall cost of the proposed bike/pedestrian overcrossing, a portion of the soil being excavated to construct the new bridge below the dam will be stockpiled near the future overcrossing and will be utilized for the trail overcrossing ramps. This provides a convenient place to dispose of the soil and at the same time provides the material needed for the ramps. The value of moving and placing this material will be the City of Folsom's match toward the total grant request and has been previously coordinated with the Public Works Department and Kiewit Pacific (bridge contractor).

POLICY/RULE

The Department of Transportation Local Assistance Program Guidelines require the applicant's governing body to certify by resolution the approval of the application and availability of required matching funds before submission for said application to the State. In accordance with Resolution No. 7332 - Financial Policies of the City of Folsom, if we are successful in receiving the grant, staff will return to the City Council for approval to accept the grant.

ANALYSIS

Staff is preparing a grant application for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEM) to fund the first segment of the Folsom Lake Trail. The project includes:

1. Acquisition of a trail easement
2. Construction of a grade-separated crossing
3. Class I trail grading and paving

The project includes acquisition of a permanent trail easement from the State Department of Corrections and construction of a trail overcrossing at the new Folsom Dam Road. The trail easement is 25-foot wide and extends for approximately two miles from the Historic Powerhouse Canal to the Folsom Dam Road, which will be designed along the eastern and southeastern portions of the State of California Folsom Prison property. The City has received written approval from the warden at Folsom State Prison in support of the easement and City staff has completed a legal description and appraisal of the trail alignment. The final paperwork for the acquisition is being prepared and will be forwarded to the State of California, General Services Department for final processing.

The trail overcrossing is estimated to be a 150-foot span plus the length of the approach ramps on either side. The trail overcrossing is a critical element of the overall Folsom Lake Trail and will provide for a fully grade separated trail from the Historic Truss Bridge to Green Valley Road. The Folsom Lake Trail is regionally significant because of its connection to the American River Trail and further east into El Dorado County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total project cost for the acquisition of the easement and design and construction of the overcrossing is estimated to be \$1,260,000. The City's grant request does not require a financial match; however, to be considered competitive staff is recommending that the City contribute \$475,000 in total matching funds.

Project Costs:

Purchase of Easement	\$ 60,000
Bridge structure (150-foot span)	\$300,000
Bridge abutments	\$120,000
Bridge lighting	\$ 75,000
Fill material for approach ramps	\$475,000 (provided by the City of Folsom)
Asphalt paving for approach ramps	<u>\$230,000</u>
 Total Cost	 \$1,260,000

Project Revenue:

EEM grant funds	\$295,000
City Matching funds	\$475,000
*SACOG Bike/Ped. grant funds	<u>\$490,000</u>
 Total Revenue:	 \$1,260,000

The matching funds provided by the City would be the value of the equipment and labor provided by the contractor on the bridge below the dam project to move the material to the site. There would be no additional cost to the City, since the removal of the soil is already included in the Folsom Dam Road project contract with Kiewit Pacific.

* The project will require two grants to complete this phase of the work. The second grant will come before City Council on November 27, 2007, as the application deadline is December 3, 2007. If the City is not successful in receiving both grants, staff will reapply the following year, which would delay the start of the project. The City would have at least three years to secure the balance of funding through another grant if the City only received one of the two grants.

The Folsom Parks and Recreation Department will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the project after it is constructed. The estimated cost to maintain this section of trail is \$2,000 per year and will be included in future Maintenance Division budget requests beginning in Fiscal Year 2009-10.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

An Initial Study was prepared for the acquisition of the easement and construction of the Folsom Lake Trail bike/pedestrian overcrossing and the final determination will be completed upon grant award in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

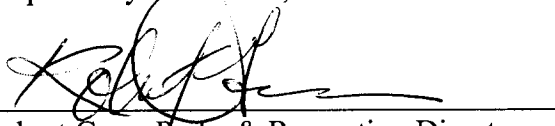
ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 8182 - A Resolution Approving the Application for Grant Funds from the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program Under Section 164.56 of the Streets and Highways Code for the Acquisition and Development of the Folsom Lake Trail Project
2. Location of Project

RECOMMENDATION

Move to Approve Resolution No. 8182 - A Resolution Approving the Application for Grant Funds from the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program Under Section 164.56 of the Streets and Highways Code for the Acquisition and Development of the Folsom Lake Trail Project.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Goss, Parks & Recreation Director

ATTACHMENT 1

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A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION PROGRAM UNDER SECTION 164.56 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE FOR THE ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE FOLSOM LAKE TRAIL PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California has enacted AB 471 (Chapter 106 of the Statutes of 1989), which is intended to provide \$10 million annually for a period of 10 years for grant funds to local, state and federal agencies and non-profit entities for projects to enhance and mitigate the environmental impacts of modified or new public transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Resources Agency has established the procedures and criteria for reviewing grant proposals and is required to submit to the California Transportation Commission a list of recommended projects from which the grant recipients will be selected; and

WHEREAS, said procedures and criteria established by the Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of the application by the applicant's governing body before submission of said application to the state; and

WHEREAS, the application contains assurances that the applicant must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the City of Folsom, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the environmental enhancement and mitigation project; and

WHEREAS, the \$475,000 in City matching funds is already programmed in the bridge below the dam project and will not require any additional City funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Folsom hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program for grant assistance.
2. Certifies that said applicant will make adequate provisions for operation and maintenance of the project.
3. Appoints the Parks and Recreation Department Director, as agent of the City of Folsom to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.
4. Approves grant matching funds as in-kind services, with a value of \$475,000 coming from the export of material from excavation for the bridge below the dam project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 13th day of November 2007 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Member(s)

NOES: Council Member(s)

ABSTAIN: Council Member(s)

ABSENT: Council Member(s)

Andrew J. Morin, MAYOR

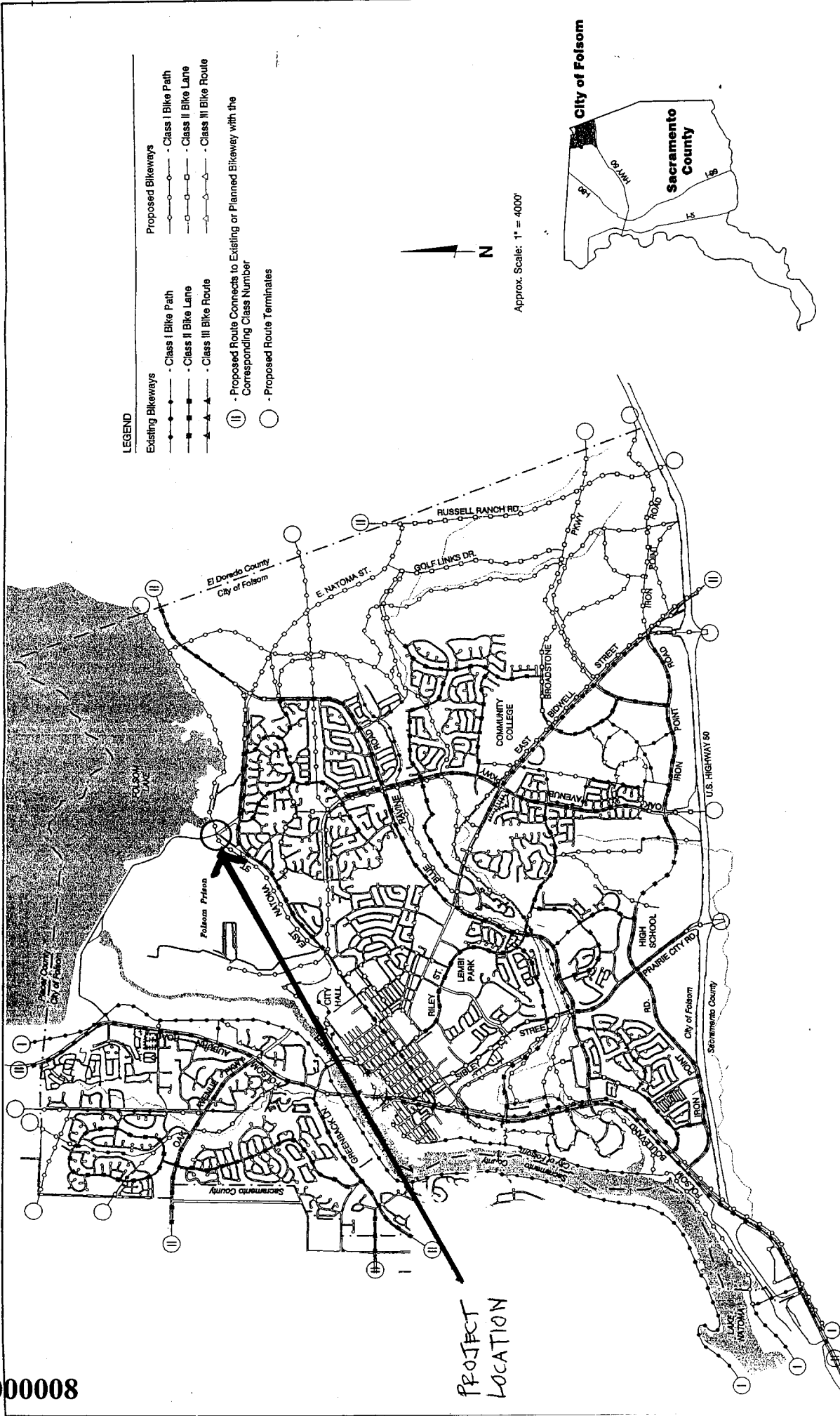
ATTEST:

Christa Schmidt, CITY CLERK

ATTACHMENT 2

LOCATION OF PROJECT

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City of Folsom Bikeway Master Plan
PROPOSED BIKEWAY SYSTEM

FIGURE 7