

DATE: November 1, 2007

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION NO. 8176 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT FOR THE FOLSOM/PLACERVILLE RAIL TRAIL PROJECT**

BACKGROUND/ISSUE

The City of Folsom Bikeway Master Plan identifies a Class I Bike Trail, referred to as the Folsom/Placerville Rail Trail, extending from the Folsom City limits to the Humbug-Willow Creek Trail, along the inactive rail line that runs parallel to East Bidwell Street (Attachment 2). Currently, there are two segments of the trail already completed. The first is between Clarksville Road and Broadstone Parkway and the second is from Iron Point Road to the City limits. The trails along this corridor are designed to co-exist with future rail service.

The proposed trail segment is important because it provides for a direct Class I bike trail connection between the Folsom Lake Community College and the Humbug-Willow Creek Trail. This provides the opportunity for anyone living along the Humbug-Willow Creek corridor to have direct bicycle and pedestrian access to the campus and the Broadstone Marketplace.

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 of 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 come back to the City Council for approval to accept the grant.

ANALYSIS

Staff is preparing an application for grant funds from the State Bicycle Transportation Account to fund the design and construction of a Class I bike trail along the Folsom/Placerville Rail Trail corridor, from the Humbug-Willow Creek trail to Clarksville Road. The project will fill an important gap in the corridor and provide a continuous trail from Broadstone Parkway to the Humbug-Willow Creek Trail. The trail project is approximately 4,800 linear feet in length and includes a 10-foot wide paved trail that extends parallel to the inactive rail line that is also parallel to East Bidwell Street. This trail is part of a regional trail system that is proposed to follow this rail line from Folsom all the way to downtown Placerville.

A second feature of this project is the native oak tree planting proposed along the corridor to enhance the area and provide a landscape buffer between the bike trail and adjacent development. The plan is to plant up to 200 native oak trees along the trail corridor. Another benefit of this project is its proximity to the Broadstone Marketplace and all the retail

development taking place along that corridor. The project is also fortunate to be located adjacent to the Folsom Lake Community College campus, providing student's easy access to the campus and will help relieve some of the parking issues on campus. Faculty at the campus is currently working on an alternative modes study, funded by a grant from Caltrans, to improve pedestrian and bicycle access to the campus. This project is consistent with the study to increase the number of students and faculty who commute to the campus by walking and biking.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total project is estimated to cost \$525,000 including design, construction, special testing, and survey work. The matching requirement for the Bicycle Transportation Account is 10%; however, to be competitive among other grant applicants, staff is proposing to contribute 12%. The 12% match would total \$63,000. Staff recommends that the City contribute the \$63,000 from the Tree Planting and Replacement Fund (Fund 226). Per Ordinance No. 1053 – Fund 226 can be utilized to construct trails in conjunction with tree planting, and revegetation projects. There are sufficient funds in Fund 226 to cover the proposed 12% match of \$63,000. These funds would be available in FY 2008-09 for appropriation.

The estimated cost to maintain this new project is approximately \$1,500 per year and will be included in future Maintenance Division budget requests beginning in FY 09-10.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This project is Categorical Exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Class 4, Section 15304 - minor alterations to land that do not affect sensitive resources.

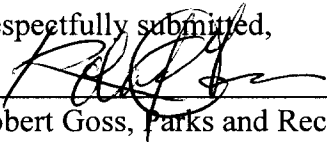
ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. 8176 - A Resolution Approving the Application for Grant Funds from the State Bicycle Transportation Account for the Folsom/Placerville Rail Trail Project
2. Location of Project

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Move to approve Resolution No. 8176 - A Resolution Approving the Application for Grant Funds from the State Bicycle Transportation Account for the Folsom/Placerville Rail Trail Project.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Goss, Parks and Recreation Director

ATTACHMENT 1

Resolution No. 8176

RESOLUTION NO. 8176

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT FOR THE FOLSOM/PLACERVILLE RAIL TRAIL PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Streets and Highways Code, Bicycle Transportation Account provides funds for grants to local agencies for projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters; and

WHEREAS, the State of California, Bicycle Facilities Unit, has the responsibility for the administration of the program within the state, setting up necessary procedures governing project applications under the program; and

WHEREAS, the City proposes to construct a Class I bike trail along the Folsom/Placerville Rail corridor from the Humbug-Willow Creek Trail to Clarksville Road; and

WHEREAS, the City of Folsom, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, the \$63,000 in City matching funds from the Tree Planting and Replacement Fund (Fund 226) will be available for appropriation in FY 2008-09; and

WHEREAS, all contracts relating to the application for State Bicycle Transportation Account Grant Funds shall be approved by the City Attorney.

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

1. Approves the filing of an application for the State Bicycle Transportation Account; and
2. Certifies that the City of Folsom has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and
3. Appoints the Parks and Recreation 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, and
4. Approves the use of \$63,000 from the Tree Planting and Replacement Fund (226) for the grant matching requirement.

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

AYES: Council Members:
NOES: Council Members:
ABSENT: Council Members:
ABSTAIN: Council Members:

Andrew J. Morin, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Christa Schmidt, CITY CLERK

ATTACHMENT 2

Location of Project

HUMBUG-WILLOW CREEK BIKEWAY

FOLSOM, CALIFORNIA

MAP LEGEND:

Humbug-Willow Creek Bikeway

LOCATION MAP

FOLSOM PLACEVILLE RAIL TRAIL



PROJECT LIMITS

