

DATE: February 10, 2011

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION NO. 8803 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT FOR THE FOLSOM LAKE CROSSING ROAD BIKE/PEDESTRIAN OVERCROSSING PROJECT**

BACKGROUND

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 Park properties, totaling approximately four miles. While known as the "Folsom Prison Trail" in the Bikeway Master Plan and to granting agencies (SACOG, State of Calif.), it was renamed the "Johnny Cash Trail" by City Council adoption of Resolution No. 8750 on October 26, 2010. In order to pursue funding for this trail, it has been broken into phases with the first phase being the design and construction of a trail overcrossing at the new Folsom Lake Crossing Road below the dam (Attachment 2).

In 2009, the City of Folsom Parks and Recreation Department secured its third grant, for a total amount of \$1,140,400 in grant funding for the first phase. In early 2010, the City purchased 4.99 acres in fee title from the State of California, Department of Corrections to secure the right-of-way to construct the bike/pedestrian overcrossing.

Staff is preparing a grant application in the amount of \$725,000 for the Bicycle Transportation Account Program to provide additional funding for the Folsom Lake Crossing Bike/Pedestrian Overcrossing project.

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 the City is successful in receiving the grant, staff will come back to the City Council for approval to accept the grant.

ANALYSIS

Based on the results of the environmental work and preliminary engineering on the project, staff anticipates the overall project costs to exceed the original estimate of \$1,653,900. The total current project cost estimate is \$2,453,900.

The increased costs are attributable to environmental costs for mitigation. The bridge length was increased from the original 160-feet to approximately 310-feet to reduce the impact to the site by saving over 30 oak trees and eliminating the need to import an additional 35,000 cubic yards of fill material.

The original project budget has incurred other expenses including additional mitigation related to impacts to the Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle (VELB), and the requirement to purchase VELB credits in the amount of \$21,000. Other costs include the purchase of the 4.99 acres from the State Department of Corrections for \$117,000 and the cost of preliminary design/engineering work for \$43,000.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The current project costs and proposed funding are listed below:

Project Costs:

Design costs	\$100,000
Environmental costs/mitigation	\$ 80,000
Fee-Title Acquisition	\$117,000
Bridge structure (308-foot span)	\$800,000
Bridge lighting	\$ 75,000
Fill material for approach ramps	\$475,000 (provided by the Folsom Lake Crossing project)
Grading of approach ramps	\$675,000
Asphalt paving for approach ramps	<u>\$131,900</u>
Total Cost	\$2,453,900

Project Revenue:

EEM Grant Funds	\$245,000 (grant approved)
SACOG Bike/Ped. Grant funds	\$575,000 (grant approved)
BTA Grant	\$320,400 (grant approved)
BTA Grant	\$725,000 (proposed)
City Matching funds (in-kind)	\$475,000
City Matching funds (BTA grant)	\$ 38,500 (Fund 226)
City Matching funds (BTA grant)	<u>\$ 75,000 (Fund 248)</u>
Total Revenue:	\$2,453,900

The matching requirement for the Bicycle Transportation Account is 10%. The 10% match would total \$75,000. Staff recommends that the City contribute \$75,000 from the Transportation Demand Account (Fund 248). There are sufficient funds in Fund 248 to cover the proposed 10% match of \$75,000. These funds would be required in Fiscal Year 2011-12 for appropriation.

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 - \$3,000 per year and will be included in future Maintenance Division budget requests beginning in Fiscal Year 2012-13.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for the acquisition of the right-of-way and construction of the Folsom Lake Trail bike/pedestrian overcrossing in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and was adopted by City Council with approval of Resolution No. 8731 on September 28, 2010.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 8803 - A Resolution Approving the Application for Grant Funds from the State Bicycle Transportation Account for the Folsom Lake Crossing Road Bike/Pedestrian Overcrossing Project
2. Location of Project

RECOMMENDATION

Move to Approve Resolution No. 8803 - A Resolution Approving the Application for Grant Funds from the State Bicycle Transportation Account for the Folsom Lake Crossing Road Bike/Pedestrian Overcrossing Project.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Goss, Parks & Recreation Director

ATTACHMENT 1

Resolution No. 8803

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A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT FOR THE FOLSOM LAKE CROSSING ROAD BIKE/PEDESTRIAN OVERCROSSING 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 and setting up the necessary procedures governing project applications under the program; and

WHEREAS, the City proposes to apply for a grant in the amount of \$725,000 and construct a bike/pedestrian overcrossing at the new Folsom Lake Crossing 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 \$75,000 in City matching funds will be from the Transportation Demand Account (Fund 248) and will be available for appropriation in Fiscal Year 2011-12; 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 for the amount of \$725,000; 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 \$75,000 from the Transportation Demand Account (248) for the grant matching requirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of February 2011 by the following roll call vote:

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

Andrew J. Morin, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK

ATTACHMENT 2

Location of Project

PROJECT LOCATION

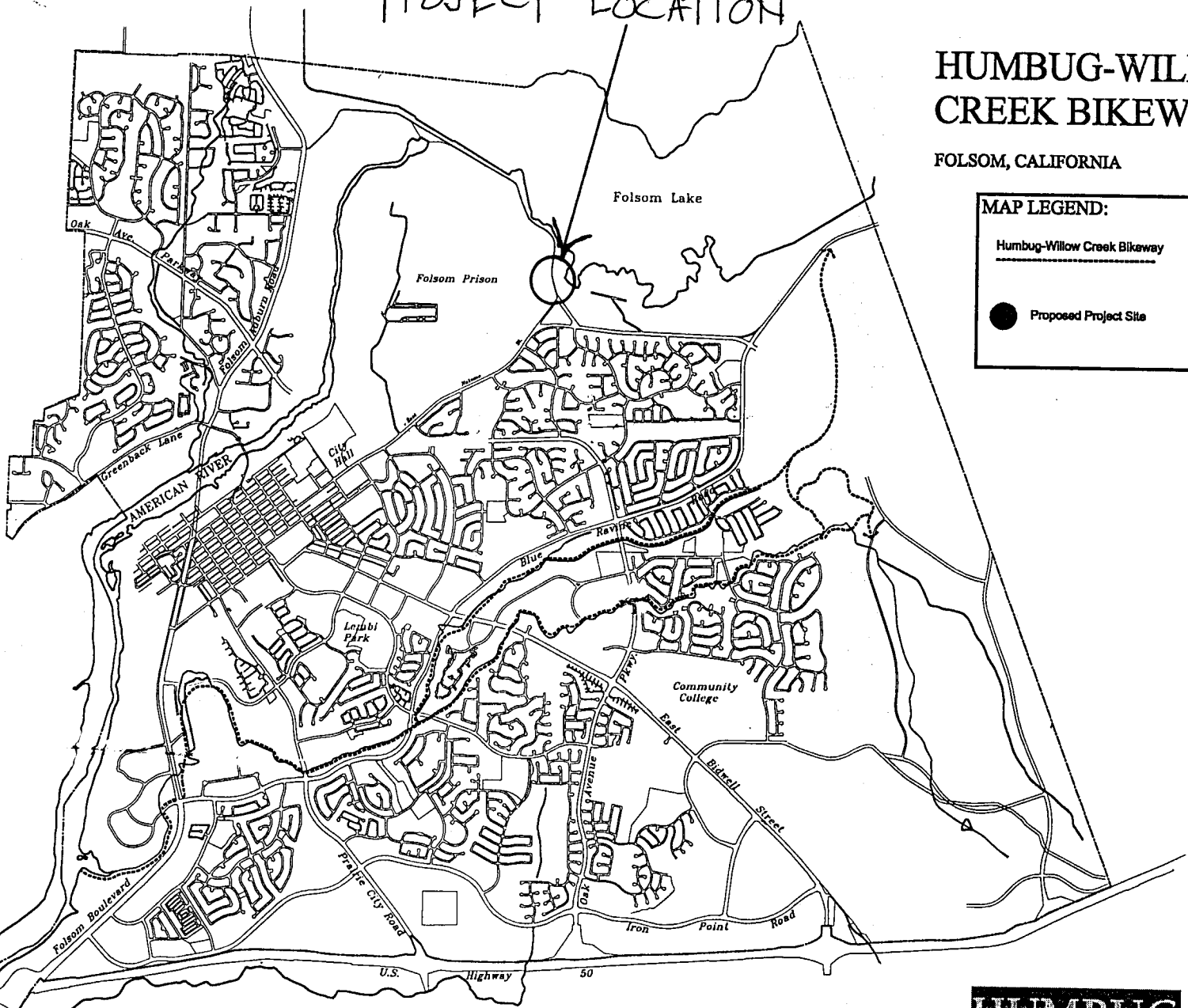
HUMBUG-WILLOW CREEK BIKEWAY

FOLSOM, CALIFORNIA

MAP LEGEND:

Humbug-Willow Creek Bikeway

Proposed Project Site



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