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December 20, 2011

Marin County Board of Supervisors
County of Marin
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Allocate funding for the Olive Avenue Class 2 Bicycle Lanes (Gap Closure) Improvement in Novato

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Approve \$600,000 in funding to close the Class 2 bicycle lanes gap on Olive Avenue at the County Line near Richardson Way to Atherton Avenue. 2) Authorize Director of Finance to increase appropriations per the Fiscal Impact Section below.

SUMMARY: The Olive Avenue bicycle lane gap is identified in the Marin County Unincorporated Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan adopted by your Board on March 25, 2008 as a high priority project. The gap within the County extends approximately one half mile from near Richardson Way and continues to the intersection of Atherton Avenue. When this project is completed there will be a small gap of four tenths of a mile within the city from 650 feet west of Samrose Drive through Richardson Way. The project will require minor widening of the shoulder, but does not require right of way acquisition. It may also require relocation of several utility poles, and minor excavation and fill necessary to develop a non-settling shoulder section.

Olive Avenue is a Collector Roadway with speeds higher than 35 mph which is not desirable or comfortable for bicycles to share the travel lane in the existing condition. This gap closure improvement has strong support from the bicycling advocates and will connect communities in Novato with a healthy transportation option. At the same time, completion of this project will help bring the county one step further towards completing the vision for a fully integrated non-motorized system through northern Marin.

FISCAL IMPACT: The estimate for design, construction, and construction management is estimated to cost \$600,000. Consistent with your Board's past direction, the project will be funded from the General Fund One-time Project Reserve. The Department of Finance will reduce the One-time Project Reserve (3121250) to offset the one-time supplement to the project budget.

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item #	Increase Appropriations/ Expenditures Amount
10000 (GF)	4100995059 (Olive Ave Bike Lanes)	5210100 (Professional Services)	\$600,000

Source Fund	Source Fund Center	Source GL	Amt.		Supplement Fund Center	Supplement GL Code	Amt.
10000 (GF)	9000011000 (Countywide Expense)	3121250 (One Time Project Reserves)	(\$600,000)		4100995059 (Olive Avenue Bike Lanes)	5210100	\$600,000

REVIEWED BY: ☒ Department of Finance ☐ N/A
 ☐ County Counsel ☒ N/A
 ☐ Human Resources ☒ N/A

Very truly yours,



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