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Eureka Alternative Project Funding
Action Item

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EUREKA NON-FREEWAY ALTERNATIVE PROJECT FUNDING POLICY

The Department of Transportation, the Humboldt County Association of Governments and the City of Eureka recommend the California Transportation Commission (Commission) adopt the attached resolution programming \$2,150,000 from the Eureka Non-Freeway Alternative project funds for a roadway widening project in the City of Eureka in Humboldt County. These funds are available for reprogramming in accordance with the California Transportation Commission Resolution HRU-95-3 dated June 7, 1995 and Section 14528.8 of the Government Code Statutes..

BACKGROUND

The HRU-95-3 resolution rescinded the Route 101 freeway location in the City of Eureka and authorized the Department to sell right of way previously acquired for freeway purposes on Route 101. In addition, HRU-95-3 authorized the Department, in cooperation with the City and Humboldt County Association of Governments, to study alternative projects that would improve safety and operations through the City of Eureka. Upon completion of Project Study Reports, the Commission would consider programming alternative projects to the extent net proceeds from the sale of rights of way are adequate to fund these projects.

A total of 92 parcels were scheduled for sale. Ninety parcels have been sold to date for \$4,560,000 and the two remaining parcels slated for sale are estimated at approximately \$278,000. The Department estimates the total support costs and expenses to sell the right of way to be about the same as the sale of the two remaining properties.

When the Eureka Route 101 project first came into existence, an account for the relocation of the Victorian homes was established as mitigation. The Victorian Relocation fund has accumulated to \$1,472,000 and resides in an account within the Department. Together, the selling of the 90 parcels and the Victorian Relocation fund total \$6,032,000. Since the estimated proceeds from the sale of the two remaining properties are expected to be relatively close to the support cost and expenses of selling the 90 properties, it is proposed to reflect \$6,032,000 as the net amount available for the Eureka Non-Freeway Alternative Project fund. The \$6,032,000 is not subject to Humboldt County's Unprogrammed Share Balance.

This improvement project is the first of several projects to be funded with the Eureka Non-Freeway Alternative Project funds. Route 101 on the north side of Eureka becomes two one way streets, 4th and 5th Streets. The intersections of V Street with 4th and 5th Streets are the two most highly congested areas in Eureka. This project will widen 4th, 5th and V Streets, improve both intersections, thus alleviating congestion, and improving the operation of Route 101.

The remaining \$3,882,000 in the Eureka Non-Freeway Alternative Project funds will be programmed under future amendments.

ATTACHMENT

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Eureka Non-Freeway Alternative Project Funds

Resolution #G-00-____

- 1.1 WHEREAS Government Code Sections 14528.7 and 14528.8 allow the California Transportation Commission (Commission) to rescind a state highway route location, the Department to sell right of way previously acquired for future construction on the rescinded location, and the Commission to allocate the funds from right of way sales to the Department of Transportation (Department) for alternative improvements to the state highway corridor, and
- 1.2 WHEREAS Commission Resolution HRU-95-3 dated June 7, 1995 rescinded the Route 101 freeway location in the City of Eureka and authorized the Department to sell right of way previously acquired for freeway purposes and study alternative, non-freeway projects that would improve safety and operation of Route 101 through the City of Eureka, and
- 1.3 WHEREAS a steering committee comprised of representatives of the Department, HCAOG, the City of Eureka and the County of Humboldt, through an extensive public participation process and resolution of support from these participating agencies, identified and prioritized alternative, non-freeway projects that met the intent of HRU-95-3, and documented these priorities in the "Eureka Non-Freeway Alternative Projects Study-A Description of the Projects Evaluation and Selection Process, September 1997", and
- 1.4 WHEREAS upon completion of Project Study Reports, the Commission agreed to consider programming alternative projects to the extent net proceeds from the sale of rights of way are adequate to fund these projects, and
- 1.5 WHEREAS 90 of 92 right of way parcels have been sold to date for \$4,560,000, and
- 1.6 WHEREAS the Department set up an account in the 1970's for relocation of historic Victorian houses from the right of way for the Route 101 Eureka freeway project, now containing \$1,472,000, which will no longer be needed for its original purpose and can be used toward funding alternative projects, and
- 1.7 WHEREAS the Department estimates the total support costs and expenses to sell all the right of way is approximately the same as the estimated values of the two remaining parcels, and will use proceeds from these final two sales to cover its costs, and
- 1.8 WHEREAS the Department now has available \$6,032,000 for a Eureka Non-Freeway Alternative Project Fund, not subject to Humboldt County's STIP county share as specified in Government Code Section 14528.8, and

- 1.9 WHEREAS the Department, HCAOG, and City of Eureka recommend programming \$2,150,000 and allocating \$195,000 for environmental studies and permits from the Eureka Non-Freeway Alternative Project Fund for a project to relieve congestion and improve intersection operations on 4th, 5th and V Streets in the City of Eureka.
- 2.1 NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Commission programs \$2,150,000 from the Eureka Non-Freeway Alternative Project Fund for the 4th, 5th and V Streets project in the City of Eureka, and
- 2.2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission agrees to consider programming further alternative projects against the remaining balance of \$3,882,000 in the Eureka Non-Freeway Alternative Project Fund.