

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

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| (1) DEPARTMENT General Services Agency | (2) MEETING DATE 9/23/2014 | (3) CONTACT/PHONE Shaun Cooper 781-4388 | |
| (4) SUBJECT Request to authorize acceptance of a grant award of \$172,000 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the Avila Beach to Harford Pier Pathway project, in Avila Beach, and request to authorize a corresponding budget adjustment in the amount of \$172,000 from unanticipated revenues to Fund Center 230- Capital Projects to be used for the construction phase of the Avila Beach to Harford Pier Pathway project. District 3. | | | |
| (5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Authorize the acceptance of a \$172,000 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the Avila Beach to Harford Pier Pathway project; 2. Authorize a budget adjustment in the amount of \$172,000 from unanticipated revenues to FC 230- Capital Projects for the construction phase of the Avila Beach to Harford Pier Pathway project by 4/5 vote; and 3. Delegate authority to the General Services Agency Director or designee to negotiate and execute any documents which may be necessary to obtain the grant funds from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, including any subsequent modifications, extensions, or amendments pertaining to said grant award agreement, upon review by County Counsel. | | | |
| (6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant | (7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$172,000 | (8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00 | (9) BUDGETED? Yes |
| (10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___) | | | |
| (11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | | | |
| (12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A | | (13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: 1314118 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | |
| (14) LOCATION MAP Attached | (15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No | (16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: <u>3/23/2004</u> ; <u>5/1/2007</u> ; <u>1/26/2010</u> | |
| (17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Emily Jackson | | | |
| (18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 3 | | | |

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Agency / Shaun Cooper
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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

The Avila Beach to Harford Pier Pathway Project will provide approximately one-mile of off street, non-motorized transportation access and extraordinary coastal views between the community of Avila Beach and Harford Pier. See the attached vicinity map for the exact project location. Currently the only access between the two points is via Avila Beach Drive.

As a portion of the California Coastal Trail, the intent of the Avila Beach to Harford Pier Trail Connector is to provide:

- (1) A pedestrian corridor along the ocean;
- (2) Bicycle access separated from the street and motor vehicles;
- (3) Improved access for those with disabilities; and,
- (4) Protected areas to view the beach and ocean between Avila Beach and Harford Pier.

In addition to people walking and bicycling from Avila Beach to the pier, the proposed pathway would also augment coastal access along the proposed route. This project is identified in the 2006 San Luis Obispo County Parks and Recreation Element and the 2005 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The proposed corridor is an important segment of the California Coastal Trail. On May 1, 2007, the Board created the Avila Beach to Harford Pier Pathway project and approved a \$300,000 budget adjustment to prepare a constraints analysis, preliminary design, and possibly the environmental document, and coastal permits. The \$300,000 allocated to the project was funded from a Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) permit application fee for replacement of steam generators at Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant.

On January 26, 2010, the Board approved a consulting contract with RRM Design Group to complete the constraints analysis and preliminary design for the project.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), Office of Spill Prevention and Response awarded County Parks a \$172,000 grant, from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, for the construction phase of the Avila Beach to Harford Pier project. The preliminary opinion of probable construction costs for this project will be determined as part of the preliminary design process, which is currently underway and anticipated to be completed by the end of 2014.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

This project development involves consultation and coordination with various local, state and federal agencies. These agencies include but are not limited to: the County Public Works Department; County Planning and Building Department; Avila Valley Advisory Council; California State Parks; Port San Luis Harbor District; California Coastal Commission; California Coastal Conservancy; and Cal Poly.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Funding for the preliminary design, environmental studies and permits was provided by PG&E, via permit fees for a project to replace their steam generator. The \$172,000 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, which has a termination of September 1, 2020, is available for the construction phase of the project only.

Construction costs for this project will be determined as part of the design process. County Parks will seek additional grant funding to proceed with future phases of the project, including construction. The timing for construction is uncertain due to potential unknown project constraints and as of yet unidentified construction funds.

RESULTS

Accepting the recommended grant award from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and thereby securing a portion of the necessary construction funding for the proposed Avila Beach to Harford Pier Pathway project will support the County's goal of providing a healthy and livable community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 - Vicinity Map