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County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Board of Supervisors - Third District

Subject: Cement Plant Road Bike and Pedestrian Path Project Feasibility Study

Meeting Date: May 6, 2025

Formal Title: Direct the Community Development and Infrastructure Department (CDI) to add the Cement Plant Road bike and pedestrian path feasibility study to the CDI 2025-2026 work program, and take related actions

Recommended Actions

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2. Approve the transfer of appropriations in the amount of \$26,000 from District 3 2024-2025 Measure K funds to CDI to be applied towards the cost of the feasibility study;
3. Direct CDI to initiate the feasibility study no later than July 2025, to be completed no later than July 2026; and
4. Direct CDI to coordinate with necessary parties of interest, including but not limited to the Davenport community and the Bureau of Land Management in the preparation of the study.

Executive Summary

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Strategic Initiatives

Operational Plan - Comprehensive Health & Safety, Reliable Transportation

Submitted By:

Justin Cummings, Third District Supervisor

Recommended By:

Carlos J. Palacios, County Executive Officer

Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OR REVISION
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To: Board of Supervisors
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Explanation:

Supervisor Cummings is requesting that \$26,000 be moved from District 3 Measure K funds to CDI to pay for a feasibility study for a bicycle and pedestrian path from Davenport to the north entrance to Cotoni-Coast Dairies National Monument.

Name: Caitlin Smith Title: Analyst Date: 04/30/2025

Auditor-Controller's Action: I hereby certify that the unencumbered balance(s) is/are available in the appropriations/funds and in the amounts indicated

Auditor-Controller, by Steve Salatti, Deputy Date: 4/30/2025

Administrative Officer's Action: (☒) Recommended to Board (☐) Approved (☐) Not Recommended or Approved

Administrative Officer Allyne Smith Date: 4/30/2025

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Subject: Please Pull Consent Item #29 on May 6, 2025 Board Agenda re: \$50,000 Feasibility Study of Cement Plant Road Bike and Pedestrian Path

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I see that Consent Item #29 on tomorrow's Board agenda would approve \$50,000 for a consultant to do a feasibility study of a bike/pedestrian path along Cement Plant Road in Davenport. Please pull this item for better staff discussion because this work was already conducted by Swenson Builders within the last few years .

The work was done because of the CPUC Condition of Approval in 2012 for Swenson to construct a new private at-grade railcrossing in the Aptos Village Project on Parade Street. The CPUC approved the new Parade Street Crossing if two such private at-grade crossings were closed. The County identified the Warrenella Road crossing as one, and the Bayview Hotel crossing as the the other.

Swenson conducted extensive studies regarding the feasibility of adding a bike/pedestrian pathway as a mitigation for the hardship the closure would cause residents in the New Town area of Davenport. The heritage Eucalyptus trees were problematic. The County dropped the matter.

Please pull Item #29 from tomorrow's Consent Agenda for better public discussion of this matter. It is possible that much of the work that the consultant now proposed to be hired with \$26,000 from District 3 Measure K sales tax monies could be saved for other important improvements in the Third District.

I have copied the text of the staff report of Consent #29 below for clarity.

Please respond. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Becky Steinbruner

Here is what Consent Item #29 states on the May 6, 2025 Board of Supervisor packet:

<https://santacruzcountyca.primegov.com/Portal/Meeting?meetingTemplateId=318>

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