
Planning Committee **STAFF REPORT**

Meeting Date: February 06, 2025

Subject	East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) – Iron Horse Trail Rehabilitation (Concord Avenue to Diamond Boulevard and Walden Road to Ygnacio Valley Road), 2025 Central County (Project 130034) (Project)
Summary of Issues	<p>On June 21, 2017, the Authority Board approved the second cycle of Measure J Pedestrian, Bicycle and Trail Facilities (PBTF) (Program 13) funding. Measure J allocated 0.5 percent of annual sales tax revenue in the Countywide Sales Tax Expenditure Plan (2004), as referenced in the adopted Strategic Plan that guides its implementation, to the EBRPD for the development and rehabilitation of paved regional trails, subject to the review and approval of the applicable subregional committee, prior to allocation by the Authority. EBRPD must apply these funds equally among the four sub-regions in Contra Costa County and receive approval from the applicable Regional Transportation Planning Committee for the program of improvements to be funded.</p> <p>In September 2024, EBRPD submitted a programming and funding appropriation request for \$500,000 in Measure J PBTF funds for the rehabilitation of the Iron Horse Trail (Concord Avenue to Diamond Boulevard and Walden Road to Ygnacio Valley Road) construction phase of the Project. On November 14, 2024, the Central County Transportation Partnership and Cooperation Committee reviewed and approved the proposed request.</p>
Recommendations	Staff seeks approval of Resolution 25-02-G, which will program and appropriate Measure J Pedestrian, Bicycle and Trail Facilities (Program 13) funds in the amount of \$500,000 to the

	EBRPD, for the construction phase of the Project.
Staff Contact	Colin Clarke
Financial Implications	The 2022 Measure J Strategic Plan, contains sufficient funds in the PBTF funding category for the Project.
Options	The Authority Board could reject or revise the recommendation.
Attachments	<p>A. Resolution 25-02-G (Draft)</p> <p>B. Letter from EBRPD, dated September 25, 2024</p> <p>C. EBRPD Agencywide Maintenance of Effort</p>
Changes from Committee	N/A

Background

The EBRPD's Project supports the Countywide Vision Zero efforts, in accordance with Resolution 21-40-G (Rev 2). This Project will construct Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990-compliant facilities for trails and active transportation, located along the Iron Horse Trail (Concord Avenue to Diamond Boulevard and Walden Road to Ygnacio Valley Road) located in Central Contra Costa County. The Project, constructed, operated, and maintained by EBRPD, will rehabilitate approximately 92,930 square feet of paved regional trail by removing and replacing existing asphalt concrete along approximately 1.5 miles in length. This section of the trail is in very poor condition with cracking and the asphalt is failing and beyond its service life as well as having tree root damage. The new asphalt concrete trail will have a life expectancy of 25 years and bring the trail up to excellent condition from its current poor condition. Since the facilities are located within an easement granted to EBRPD from the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, the EBRPD will be required to follow the mandatory and appropriate processes and procedures.

Trails are an important component of the transportation network, providing high-comfort, low-stress off-street opportunities for active transportation throughout Contra Costa County. Contra Costa County has an average of two million users per year, which underscores the importance of EBRPD trails for transportation utility, safety progress toward Vision Zero by

eliminating transportation-related fatalities and severe injuries, environmental stewardship, and recreational use. Importantly, there is also a need to maintain trail conditions for safe and permanent use/life extension.

The construction phase of this maintenance project is scheduled to occur from June through October 2025.

The Project (all phases) is estimated to cost \$800,000, \$500,000 of which is funded in part by Measure J PBTF (Program) 13 funds, with other fund sources secured by the EBRPD.

For maintenance projects, the Authority's Local Agency Coordination Guide does not require an interagency peer review, e.g., at the 65% design stage. The total cost of construction (all fund sources) is \$800,000, of which \$300,000 is from the EBRPD's local agency budget, and \$500,000 to be programmed and appropriated by the Authority.

More details about this Project are included in the attachments.

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