



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: May 19, 2020

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, approving the Right of Way Contract and Highway Easement Deed with the State Department of Transportation in connection with the Airport Boulevard Interchange Project; authorizing the Board Chair to execute the Right of Way Contract and Highway Easement Deed; directing the filing of a Notice of Exemption; and authorizing the Director of Regional Parks to take all other actions necessary to complete the transaction.

Whereas, the Airport Boulevard Interchange Project was a joint project between the Sonoma County Transportation Authority, Sonoma County Transportation and Public Works, and State Department of Transportation (“Caltrans”) to reduce traffic congestion and improve traffic flow on Highway 101 and Airport Boulevard; and

Whereas, the Airport Boulevard Interchange Project required Caltrans to take possession of two County of Sonoma (“County”) owned parcels designated for the planned development of the Mark West Creek Trail which is a multi-use bicycle and pedestrian path per the 2010 County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan; and

Whereas, by Resolution No. 12-0117 on March 20, 2012, the Board of Supervisors approved a Possession and Use Agreement which allowed Caltrans to proceed and complete the highway improvements on County land and allowed additional time for the County and Caltrans to negotiate the terms of the land acquisition; and

Whereas, the County owns certain real property identified as Assessor’s Parcel Number 059-230-082 and an adjoining right-of-way conveyed to the County of Sonoma in that certain Grant deed, recorded January 22, 1988, as Document No. 88-005100, Official Records of Sonoma County, which parcels shall be jointly referred to as “County’s Real Property”, and

Whereas, in connection with the Airport Boulevard Interchange Project, Caltrans requires 14,678 square feet of the County’s Real Property to make the necessary highway improvements related to Highway 101; and

Whereas, in order to maintain the County’s property rights needed to develop the planned Mark West Creek Trail on the County’s Real Property, the County and Caltrans has

jointly participated in the creation of the Right of Way Contract and Highway Easement Deed;
and

Whereas, the Highway Easement Deed will allow the County to maintain fee title to the land and allow Caltrans to operate, maintain, and reconstruct the highway improvements on County's Real Property without restricting the County's ability to develop the planned Mark West Creek Trail; and

Whereas, the conveyance of the Highway Easement Deed to Caltrans is categorically exempt from the California Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA guidelines; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that this Board of Supervisors hereby finds, determines, and declares and orders as follows:

1. The Chair is authorized and directed to execute the Right of Way Contract and Highway Easement Deed with Caltrans.
2. The Regional Parks Director is hereby authorized and directed to file a Notice of Exemption with the Sonoma County Clerk in accordance with provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. The Director of Regional Parks is further authorized and directed to execute any other documents necessary to complete this transaction.

Supervisors:

Rabbitt: Zane: Gore: Hopkins: Gorin:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.