



BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 11, 2011
6:00 PM

VTA Auditorium
3331 North First Street
San Jose, CA

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA

4.X Committee Staff Report

- INFORMATION ITEM – Resolution proclaiming May 2011 as Bike to Work Month and May 12, 2011 as Bike to Work Day.
- INFORMATION ITEM – Resolution of Commendation for the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail.



Date: April 26, 2011
 Current Meeting: May 5, 2011
 Board Meeting: May 5, 2011

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
 Board of Directors

Note: This resolution was adopted by the VTA Board of Directors at their May 5, 2011 meeting.

FROM: Chairperson Margaret Abe-Koga

SUBJECT: Bike to Work Day Resolution

Policy-Related Action: No

Government Code Section 84308 Applies: No

Resolution

ACTION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution proclaiming May 2011 as Bike to Work Month and May 12, 2011 as Bike to Work Day.

BACKGROUND:

The month of May is National Bike to Work Month, and the San Francisco Bay Area's 17th annual Bike to Work Day will take place on Thursday, May 12, 2011. VTA has a long history of supporting Bike to Work Day and working with cities and the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition to promote the event. The Board is asked to adopt the attached resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact.

Prepared by: Michelle DeRobertis
 Memo No. 3100

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2011 AS BIKE MONTH AND
MAY 12, 2011 AS BIKE TO WORK DAY**

WHEREAS, for more than a century, the bicycle has been an important part of many American lives; and,

WHEREAS, today millions of Americans engage in bicycling as an environmentally sound form of transportation, an excellent form of fitness, and a healthy family recreational activity; and,

WHEREAS, greater public awareness of bicycling as transportation will improve the safety and comfort of bicyclists and motorists, reducing bike-motorist conflicts, and resulting in fewer injuries, and fatalities; and,

WHEREAS, bicycling, along with walking, is the most efficient, affordable and sustainable form of transportation; and,

WHEREAS, bicycling and other active transportation modes will help reduce the nation's obesity epidemic and other national health issues; and,

WHEREAS, VTA has consistently advocated for and advanced bicycling as a important element of the County's transportation system.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority that: 1) The month of May 2011 is hereby proclaimed Bike Month; and 2) May 12, 2011 is hereby proclaimed as Bike to Work Day.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority on May 5, 2011 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT

MARGARET ABE-KOGA, Chairperson
Board of Directors

ATTEST:

APPROVED as to Form

SANDRA A. WEYMOUTH, Secretary
Board of Directors

KEVIN D. ALLMAND
General Counsel



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SUBJECT: Resolution of Commendation for the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail

Policy-Related Action: No

Government Code Section 84308 Applies: No

Resolution

ACTION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution of Commendation for the Friends of the Steven Creek Trail.

BACKGROUND:

Over the years, VTA has benefited from the support of numerous community partners and non-profit organizations, which have helped promote multimodal transportation projects in Santa Clara County. At this time, VTA would like to recognize the contribution of the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail (FOSCT), which has generously underwritten the cost of printing the 2011 VTA Bikeways Map, helping VTA increase public awareness of the extensive system of bike paths in our county.

The VTA Bikeways Map is one of VTA's most requested publications, illustrating existing bike lanes, bicycle boulevards, shared-use paths and bicycle/pedestrian bridges/tunnels in Santa Clara County. The map also rates the level of difficulty for major streets that do not have bike lanes. It was developed to help cyclists plan their trips, to maximize their safety, efficiency, and enjoyment. Although some cities publish their own maps, VTA's map covers all 15 cities plus many unincorporated areas of the county, assisting cyclists who ride across city boundaries. It also provides useful information for cyclists who ride to train and light rail stations, since it depicts the type of bike parking available. The back of the map provides important information, including cycling safety tips, California Vehicle Code sections on bicycling, and useful phone numbers and websites.

The 2011 map includes a brief description of the Stevens Creek Trail, illustrating its progress over the last 12 years. FOSCT, a local community group, promotes community pride and involvement in the completion, enhancement, and enjoyment of the Stevens Creek Trail and Wildlife Corridor. Founded in 1992 to support on-going local government efforts, this grassroots community action group is endorsed by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and the cities of Cupertino, Mountain View, and Los Altos.

In early 2011, FOSCT partnered with VTA to update the VTA Bikeways Map, sponsoring its printing using funding from Microsoft Corporation. In addition, FOSCT members actively participated in updating the 2011 VTA Bikeways Map by providing photographs and an enlarged map of the Stevens Creek Trail. The new map is scheduled for release prior to Bike to Work Day, May 12, 2011.

DISCUSSION:

This Resolution of Commendation is presented to the *Friends of the Stevens Creek Trail* with VTA's sincere appreciation for their support and financial contribution, which facilitated completion of the 2011 VTA Bikeways Map in time for Bike to Work Day 2011. We thank them for their commitment to enhancing the safety and enjoyment of bike travel in our county and for their efforts to improve the quality of life for all residents of Santa Clara County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact.

Prepared by: Stephen Flynn, Sr. Management Analyst
Memo No. 3085

RESOLUTION NO.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (VTA)
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE *FRIENDS OF THE STEVENS CREEK TRAIL*
FOR ITS SUPPORT AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARD COMPLETION
OF THE 2011 VTA BIKEWAYS MAP**

WHEREAS, the VTA Bikeways Map increases public awareness of the extensive system of bike paths in Santa Clara County by illustrating existing bike lanes, bicycle boulevards, shared-use paths and bicycle/pedestrian bridges/tunnels as well as the difficulty level of major streets without bike lanes;

WHEREAS, the VTA Bikeways Map was developed to help cyclists plan their trips and maximize their safety, efficiency, and enjoyment and includes important information on cycling safety tips, California Vehicle Code sections on bicycling, useful phone numbers and websites, and bike parking availability at train and light rail stations;

WHEREAS, the VTA Bikeways Map is one of VTA's most requested publications;

WHEREAS, *Friends of the Steven Creek Trail* (FOSCT) is a local grassroots community action group that promotes community pride and involvement in the completion, enhancement, and enjoyment of the Stevens Creek Trail and Wildlife Corridor;

WHEREAS, in early 2011 FOSCT partnered with VTA to update the VTA Bikeways Map and fully funded its printing using a grant from Microsoft Corporation;

WHEREAS, the 2011 map, which includes an enlarged map of the Stevens Creek Trail and a brief description of its progress over the last 12 years, was released prior to Bike to Work Day, May 12, 2011, which would not have been possible without FOSCT support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Board of Directors does hereby:

Express VTA's sincere appreciation and gratitude to the *Friends of the Steven Creek Trail* for its support and financial contribution toward completion of the 2011 VTA Bikeways Map in time for Bike to Work Day 2011, and its commitment to enhancing the safety and enjoyment of bike travel in Santa Clara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Board of Directors on May 5, 2011 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

MARGARET ABE-KOGA, Chairperson
Board of Directors

ATTEST:

SANDRA WEYMOUTH, Secretary
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

KEVIN D. ALLMAND
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