



AGENCY:	City Council
MEETING DATE:	June 22, 2015
DEPARTMENT:	CDD
PRESENTED BY:	Marie Jones

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

### **TITLE:**

**RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING CYPRESS STREET ACCESS TO NOYO HEADLANDS PARK AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY 2014/15 BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE \$134,300 FROM FUND 250 (SPECIAL SALES TAX FOR STREET REPAIRS) FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CYPRESS STREET EXTENSION (BUDGET AMENDMENT #2015-29; AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$134,300; TRANSFER FROM FUND 250 TO FUND 407-COASTAL TRAIL CAPITAL PROJECT)**

### **ISSUE:**

The southern segment of the Coastal Trail at Fort Bragg's Noyo Headlands Park is currently under construction and is expected to open in early October of this year. Staff is seeking direction from the Council regarding the extension of Cypress Street which will provide access to the southern portion of Noyo Headlands Park.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

1. Provide direction to pave the Cypress Street Extension and to include an 8' wide gravel shoulder to provide vehicular access to the south parking lot in Noyo Headlands Park.
2. Adopt City Council Resolution Amending the FY 2014/15 Budget to Appropriate \$134,300 from Fund 250 (Special Sales Tax for Street Repairs) for Improvements to the Cypress Street Extension (Budget Amendment #2015-29; Amount not to Exceed \$134,300; Transfer from Fund 250 to Fund 407-Coastal Trail Capital Project.

### **ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):**

Provide alternative direction to staff regarding the design of the Cypress Street Extension and/or the funding source for the \$134,300 match. If necessary, continue action on the budget amendment.

### **ANALYSIS:**

On March 30, 2015, the City Council identified priorities for completion of the Coastal Trail project, including installation of a multi-use trail along the south edge of the Cypress Street extension that will provide access to the southern parking lot (at the end of the runway) at Noyo Headlands Park.

Recently, the City reconciled the various grant funds for the Coastal Trail project and it does not appear that there are sufficient funds for construction of the multi-use trail on the south edge of the Cypress Street extension at this time. The multi-use trail from the Noyo Point Road entry to the parking lot is currently under construction. Staff recommends that the Cypress Street extension be paved and that the roadway include an 8' wide gravel shoulder that could be used for pedestrian access until such time as a sidewalk or a multi-use path is installed. Bicycles can share the roadway with vehicles heading to and from the park.

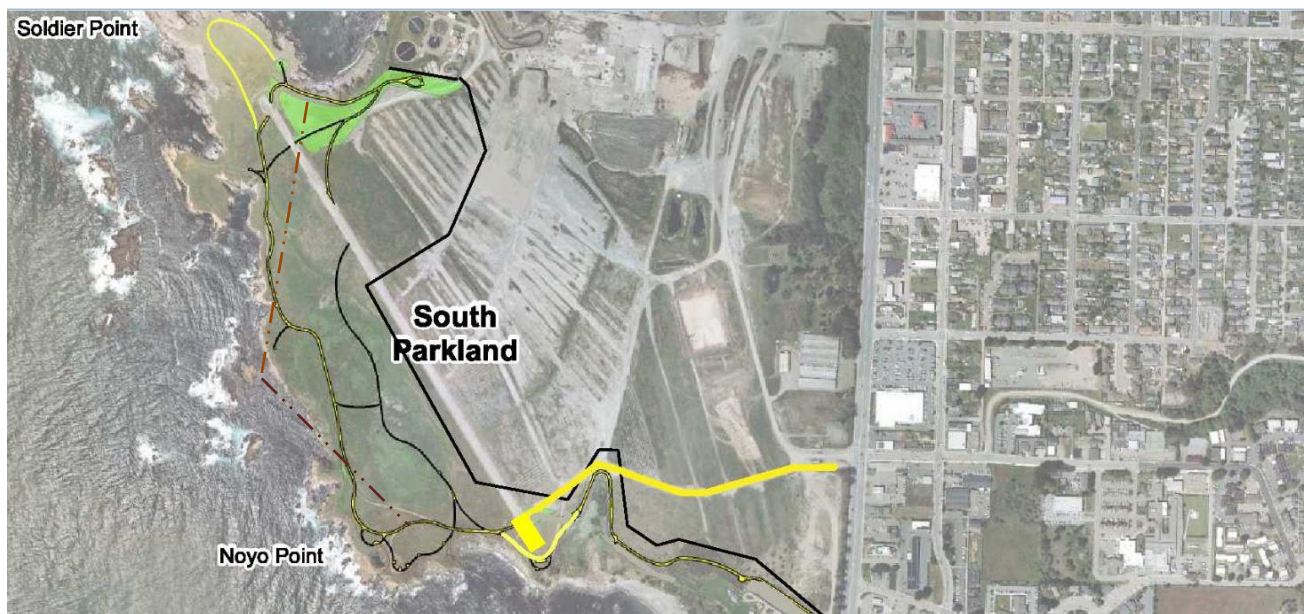
The grant reconciliation also revealed that the City has not appropriated funds for a required match of \$134,300 which was a condition of acceptance of grant funds from the State Coastal

Conservancy. The Conservancy awarded the City nearly \$1.3 million to construct the Coastal Trail and \$4.2 million for acquisition of the Noyo Headlands Park property. The City pledged that the required match would come from either D1 funds (State transportation funds allocated by MCOG) or from Street Sales Tax funds.

A budget amendment is needed to appropriate funds for the required \$134,300 match. Staff recommends Street Sales Tax as the funding source and that the funds be used for paving the Cypress Street extension. This use is consistent with the Street Sales Tax ordinance which restricts the use of funds to streets “which have been or may be hereafter dedicated and open to public use.”

Paving the Cypress Street extension (rather than simply improving the existing gravel surface) would have the following benefits;

1. Paving would reduce dust resulting from vehicle traffic;
2. Paving would provide a safe surface for vehicles and cyclists; and
3. The expenditure of Street Sales Tax funds would satisfy the City's obligation to the State Coastal Conservancy for matching funds.



**Figure 1: Coastal Trail Project – Cypress Street access road**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The use of Street Sales Tax to fund the Cypress Street extension would reduce the amount of Street Sales Tax revenues available for other street paving projects. There is currently nearly \$2.2 million in Fund 250 (Special Sales Tax for Street Repairs). The City is planning to spend \$1.85 million on a Street Structural Repair and Resurfacing Project in FY 2015/16. FY 2015/16 revenues are projected at \$827k, resulting in a FY 2015/16 projected year-end balance of \$1.12 million. Sufficient funds are available to fund the match from the Street Sales Tax fund.

A decision not to use Street Sales Tax for the Coastal Trail project would require the Council to dedicate other funds to meet the cash match requirement for the Coastal Conservancy grant. At present, the City only has \$68.7k remaining in claimed D1 funds. According to MCOG staff, there is approximately \$277.3k of additional D1 funds that the City has not yet claimed. These funds could

be used for the required match or other purposes. D1 funds are a very flexible funding source and can be used for planning, construction, improvements, maintenance of public streets and related facilities for non-motorized traffic and associated administrative costs.

**CONSISTENCY:**

The project is consistent with the Coastal General Plan, Coastal Land Use and Development Code and the City's Economic Development Strategy, which all envision coastal access along the former mill site property.

**IMPLEMENTATION/TIMEFRAMES:**

The Cypress Street extension would be paved in summer 2015.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution

**NOTIFICATION:**

1. Coastal Trail interested parties list

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Agency Action      ☐ Approved      ☐ Denied      ☐ Approved as Amended

Resolution No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Ordinance No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Deferred/Continued to meeting of: \_\_\_\_\_

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