



Legislation Text

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Adopt City Council Resolution Approving Professional Services Agreement with WRA for City Surrounded by a Trail Feasibility Study and Conceptual Design and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Same (Amount Not to Exceed: \$65,500; MCOG Overall Work Program Grant; Account No. 314-3017-0631)

Fort Bragg's Inland General Plan (adopted in 2013) and Coastal General Plan (adopted in 2008), and the prior General Plan (adopted in 2002), include policies establishing a vision for a comprehensive, multi-use trail system encircling the town-- with a Coastal Trail along the coast and hiking and biking trails extending up the Pudding Creek and Noyo River valleys to provide recreation opportunities for residents and visitors. The policies also support establishment of a comprehensive network bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the town to support commuting to City services, schools, and employment centers. In 2013, the City was awarded MCOG funds to complete a feasibility study for potential alignments of the City Surrounded by a Trail Project. In 2013 and early 2014, the City undertook preliminary planning for this project, but it was subsequently put on hold. In late 2014, the City Council provided direction to move forward with the project with the following caveats: 1) Analyze trail alignments that are located primarily on public property; and 2) Do not consider potential trail alignments on private property unless the property owners' are supportive of an alignment across their property. In January 2015, the City released a Request for Proposals for consulting services to complete the feasibility study. Four proposals were received and WRA Environmental Consultants of San Rafael has been determined to be the most qualified firm. Funds for this activity in the amount of \$65,500 were programmed in the Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) FY 2012-2013 Overall Work Program and are sufficient to cover this contract.