



## Agenda Report

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR PALMISANO  
Murray Fontes, Principal Engineer

**SUBJECT:** ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE A \$75,000 DONATION FROM THE  
LAND TRUST OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FOR THE RAIL TRAIL  
PROJECT

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### STATEMENT OF ISSUES:

The City needs to formally accept a \$75,000 donation from the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County for the Rail Trail project.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution accepting a \$75,000 donation from the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County for the Rail Trail project.

### DISCUSSION:

On October 14, 2014, the Council approved Resolution No. 141-14 (CM), adopting the Master Plan for the Monterey Bay Scenic Sanctuary Trail Network (MBSSTN) or Rail Trail, prepared by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation. The City then secured funding to design and construct the portion of the Rail Trail within Watsonville.

The City received donations from the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County totaling \$335,000 for developing the Rail Trail. \$260,000 was received and used for design and construction of segment currently being completed from Ohlone Parkway to the Watsonville Slough Trail trailhead. The remaining \$75,000 was designated for design and environmental documentation of subsequent phases and was received in late May 2021. Staff recommends that Council accept the donation and that the funds be appropriated in the FY 21/22 CIP – Rail Trail Segment 18 Phase 2 Account #0260-338-7837-14861.

### STRATEGIC PLAN:

The project is consistent with the following Strategic Plan goal:  
03-Infrastructure & Environment

### FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The funds be appropriated in the FY 21/22 CIP – Rail Trail Segment 18 Phase 2 Account #0260-338-7837-14861

**ALTERNATIVE ACTION:**

No reasonable alternatives are known at this time.

**ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):**

None.