RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors endorse an amendment on the 0.4-mile route of the non-motorized Mariposa Creek Parkway and authorize staff to research the feasibility of an alternative ingress/egress access area off of Jessie Street and additional grant funding opportunities.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

On October 11, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved the California River Parkways Grant Application to the State of California Resources Agency for the Mariposa Creek Parkway Phase III project to design, develop and construct a section of a non-motorized and ADA accessible trail commencing at the pedestrian bridge located at 8th Street.

Staff presented two routes for Board consideration. Route Number 1 commenced at 8th Street and ended at Hwy 49 North. Route Number 2 also commenced at 8th Street that included two ingress/egress points at the northern terminus of the trail – one off of Coakley Circle and another access from Joe Howard Street. The Board selected the shorter route, which was route number 2, from 8th Street to Coakley Circle/Joe Howard.

On July 17, 2006, the County of Mariposa was notified of the grant award from the State of California Resources Agency in the amount of $300,000.

On December 11, 2006, the County received Grant Agreement # R81606-0 in the amount of $300,000 from the State of California Resources Agency for property acquisition.

On July 24, 2007, the County of Mariposa submitted an application to the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Program (RTCA) for conceptual and master planning of the 0.4-mile trail section along the Mariposa Creek Parkway. This project was for Technical Assistance only and not a grant application seeking funding. On October 16, 2007, the County of Mariposa was notified of the grant award.

On July 16, 2008, county staff along with Sally Sheridan Stonier, RTCA Project Coordinator, conducted a Public Scoping Meeting to obtain input on the project design and features. Many good comments were received, which will be incorporated into the plan.

On July 17, 2008, County staff met with property owners, one of which conveyed the need to retain an easement between Pioneer Market and NAPA Auto Parts for commercial use. Given the recent request from the property owner to retain the easement for commercial use, access off of Coakley Circle is now unfeasible. Moreover, both Public Works and RTCA staff determined that the difference in elevation from the creek to the property/easement is too steep to comply with ADA standards. Thus, it is requested that the Board of Supervisors authorize staff to research the feasibility of an alternative access area to comply with ADA standards and seek additional grant funding to potentially purchase an additional parcel(s). Please see attached map of potential new access (Exhibit “A”).

The Mariposa Creek Parkway is consistent with the Mariposa Town Planning Area and the draft Mariposa County Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The State of California Resources Agency is one of many grants that will be pursued in the near future to complete the 3.5-mile Mariposa Creek Parkway.
ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Financial Impact?  ( ) Yes (x) No  Current FY Cost: $  Annual Recurring Cost: $
Budgeted in Current FY?  ( ) Yes  (x) No  ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $0
Additional Funding Needed: $  
Source: General Fund
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue  4/5's vote
Transfer Between Funds  4/5's vote
Contingency  4/5's vote
( ) General  ( ) Other

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No. 08-4690  Ord. No. _____
Vote – Ayes 5  Noes: _____
Absent: _____
( ) Approved
( ) Minute Order Attached  ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date: 
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: ________________________________
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
( ) Requested Action Recommended  ( ) No Opinion
Comments: 
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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: RICHARD J. BENSON, CAO
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Approve an Amendment on the 0.4-mile Route of the Non-motorized Mariposa Creek Parkway and Authorize Staff to Research the Feasibility of an Alternate Ingress/Egress Access Area off of Jessie Street and Additional Grant Funding Opportunities

RESOLUTION 08-400

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPosa COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on August 19, 2008

ACTION AND VOTE:

Richard J. Benson, County Administrative Officer/Personnel/Risk Manager;
Approve an Amendment on the 0.4-mile Route of the Non-motorized Mariposa Creek Parkway and Authorize Staff to Research the Feasibility of an Alternate Ingress/Egress Access Area off of Jessie Street and Additional Grant Funding Opportunities

BOARD ACTION: Marilyn Lidyoff presented information on the requested amendment to eliminate the proposed access off of Coakley Circle and to research the feasibility of an alternative access off of Jessie Street. Discussion was held, including ADA accessibility concerns.

Input from the public was provided by the following:

Eleanor Keuning stated she supports the walkway project; but she is concerned with the parking at the Rest Area and for those with disabilities in accessing the project.

Paul Chapman stated he feels that access would be too steep from Jessie Street.

Discussion was held and it was clarified that the new access would be a separate grant project.

(M)Fritz, (S)Aborn, Res. 08-400 was adopted approving the requested action/Ayes: Unanimous.

Cc: Marilyn Lidyoff, Economic Development
Dana Hertfelder, Public Works Director
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