DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorization to submit letter to Cal Trans to retain crosswalk at Miller Road and Highway 140 and to establish a new crosswalk at 4th Street and Highway 140 in Mariposa.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

There currently exists a crosswalk at Miller Road and Highway 140 as you enter the township of Mariposa. This crosswalk has been poorly maintained and needs to be retained. Cal Trans is considering abandoning this crosswalk which could endanger both pedestrians and drivers. Likewise there is a need for a crosswalk at 4th Street and Highway 140 as tourists, students and other pedestrians need a safe means to cross Highway 140 to go to the Creek Walk, Arts Parks and businesses. This request is to authorize a letter to Cal Trans to both retain the crosswalk at Miller Road and Highway 140 and to establish a new crosswalk at 4th Street and Highway 140. A sample letter is attached.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes ( ) No
Current FY Cost
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget:
Additional Funding Needed: $ 
Source:
- Internal Transfer
- Unanticipated Revenue
- Transfer Between Funds
- Contingency
- ( ) General ( ) Other

Annual Recurring Cost: $

List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Sample letter to Cal Trans

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: Ord. No. ______ Vote – Ayes: 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: __________________________

CAO: ______

Revised Dec. 2002
June 23, 2005

Miss Dinah Bortner
Director
Cal Trans Local Assistance
District 10
Stockton, CA 95201

Dear Miss Bortner:

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors has taken an official action on Tuesday, June 21, 2005 to submit this letter to you to respectfully request that Cal Trans address two significant concerns to assist and protect the residents of Mariposa, the numerous tourists that visit our community and the many drivers that pass through our town.

The first concern is the condition of the crosswalk that is situated at Miller Road and Highway 140 that traverses the Highway in the township of Mariposa. The stripping is inadequate and there are insufficient warnings that a crosswalk is located at that location. It has also been suggested that Cal Trans might even abandon that crosswalk altogether, which would endanger both pedestrians and motorists. The Board of Supervisors would strongly request that Cal Trans not abandon that crosswalk, but in fact improve it.

The second concern is the absence of a crosswalk at 4th Street and Highway 140 also in the township of Mariposa. There are attractions on both sides of the Highway that generate substantial pedestrian traffic. The County’s new Arts Park, the Creek Walk, the Amphitheater, the Skate Park, and restaurants and other businesses are located on the west side of the Highway. On the east side are also numerous businesses and shops that attract many tourists and residents as well. A crosswalk at that location is certainly warranted and the Board of Supervisors would respectfully request that Cal Trans seriously consider this request.

We have had a cooperative relationship with Cal Trans and look forward to working together in the future on issues such as these. In fact, the County would like to discuss two other crosswalk issues with you sometime in the near future.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
BOB PICKARD
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

cc. Members, Board of Supervisors
Dana Hertfelder, Public Works Director
MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO:  JANET BIBBY, Supervisor District III
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: LETTER TO CALTRANS REQUESTING ACTION ON CROSSWALKS AT MILLER ROAD AND HIGHWAY 140 AND DOWNTOWN MARIPOSA

Resolution No. 05-282

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on June 21, 2005

ACTION AND VOTE:

Discussion and Action Concerning a Letter to CalTrans, Requesting Action on Crosswalks at Miller Road and Highway 140 and Downtown Mariposa (Supervisor Bibby)

BOARD ACTION: Supervisor Bibby initiated discussion relative to the status of the crosswalk at Miller Road and Highway 140 and plans by CalTrans to phase out this crosswalk. She also advised that review is being given to creating a crosswalk at 4th Street. Supervisor Pickard discussed the possibility of adding a crosswalk at 2nd Street and Highway 49 South. Supervisors Bibby and Fritz commented on efforts to move the crosswalk near the Happy Burger and Red Fox to the corner with the street lighting to address safety concerns. (M)Bibby, (S)Turpin, Res. 05-282 was adopted approving the letter to be sent to Dinah Bortner/CalTrans and copied to other CalTrans’ staff. Supervisor Bibby encouraged that letters be sent from the businesses and safety personnel to support the request. Supervisor Stetson suggested that a sentence be added to the letter advising that we have other issues in the corridor that will need additional consideration. The motion was amended, agreeable with the maker and second, to include this change/Ayes: Unanimous. Supervisor Pickard suggested that contact be made with the School District to add their support to this request.

cc: Dana Hertfelder, Public Works Director
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