RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2020-288

MEETING: June 2, 2020

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Healy, Public Works Director

RE: Authorize the Chair to Sign a Letter of Support - ATP Grant

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Authorize the Chair to Sign a Letter of Support for Public Works to Submit an Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant Application to Provide Supplemental Funding.

Funding through the ATP Program can be made available to support the design and construction of sidewalks in areas heavily used by pedestrians in order to improve safety and separation between pedestrians and vehicular traffic. This grant application is intended to provide supplemental funding to our existing Safe Routes to Schools Project which is presently under funded.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board has previously authorized a successful grant application for the Safe Routes to Schools Program.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Sufficient funding will not be available to construct the fully designed Safe Routes to Schools Project and will have to return funding.

ATTACHMENTS:
Board Support Draft Letter (DOCX)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey
June 2, 2020

RE: Letter of Support for Mariposa County’s Active Transportation Program Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

The Board of Supervisors are pleased to support the County application for the Mariposa Elementary School Connectivity Project. Many of the streets in the Mariposa area do not have sidewalks forcing students to walk on the streets and shoulders in extreme proximity to traffic. There are approximately 403 students attending Mariposa Elementary School and 490 students attending Mariposa County High School. The proposed project will promote active transportation in the Mariposa area, close gaps in our community’s sidewalks, and improve local accessibility for students and families.

The County worked hard to development its Bicycle & Pedestrian Transportation Plan. This project is specifically incorporated into the plan as a top priority and remains critical to ensuring the safety of our community. We believe that improving the infrastructure and better connecting neighborhoods to the schools will increase the number of students choosing to walk each day. We believe that providing multi-modal infrastructure will decrease the number of incidents between vehicles and non-motorized traffic. Sidewalks will improve access to mass transit facilities. The County has a longstanding interest in promoting an active outdoor lifestyle which will be enhanced by this project. For these reasons, we support this proposed project and the associated grant application for funding.

Sincerely,

Kevin Cann, Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors