

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

By: Michael Edwards  
Public Works Director

966-5356

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes\_\_\_ No X)

Adopt Resolution that:

1. Authorizes application for Transportation Enhancement Act (TEA) Funds for the Mariposa Creek Parkway Phase 2: 5th Street to 8th Street;
2. Certifies Mariposa County is willing and able to maintain the project;
3. Identifies funding of \$ 100,000 TEA to be matched by \$25,000 LTF Bike Fund, Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) or other local funds; and
4. Designates the Public Works Director to be the Administering Agency Representative to execute the application documents.

Project design and bid documents are proposed to be prepared by County staff.

The bid target and minimum amount available for TEA funds is \$100,000. A 20% match is required. If the funding is approved, staff will return to the Board with a proposal for matching funds in the FY 96/97 budget. Modifications underway by staff to the Bicycle/Pedestrian master plan will make the LTF Bike Fund available for matching funds, if adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

The TEA funds are reimbursable funds, which means if the project is approved, the County must apply for an allocation and expend the funds prior to be reimbursed by the State.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

The Board previously approved applications for first cycle and second cycle TEA funds for acquisition of the Mariposa Creek Staging Area (6th Street lot). This application by Mariposa County for \$ 184,800 for acquisition of the 6th Street lot was denied in both previous cycles due to the low bid target for the County and the perception that this acquisition was ahead of the Mariposa Creek Parkway projects (should be Phase 3 rather than Phase 2).

In prior applications, Mariposa County was approved for \$ 26,000 for the easement acquisition along the Merced River Trail Project, which was to be completed by NFS or BLM forces, and the National Park Service was approved for \$70,000 for pedestrian bridges in El Portal to be built by NPS. Both projects are in progress with BLM and NPS staff taking the lead role, respectively.

**LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

If the County does not submit an application, the project could not be considered for TEA funding.

