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Board of Supervisors
County of Marin
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SUBJECT: REQUEST TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10, SECTION 10.05.040 OF THE MARIN COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO SPEED LIMITS ON THE MILL VALLEY-SAUSALITO MULTI-USE PATHWAY

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Conduct the public hearing
2. Adopt the ordinance

SUMMARY:

On March 17 your board conducted the first reading of an ordinance reducing the speed limit from 15 miles per hour to 10 miles per hour on the Mill Valley – Sausalito Multi-Use Path along a 2,325 foot segment beginning at a point 250 feet north of the intersection of Sycamore Avenue and extending to a point 225 feet south of the Arroyo Corte Madera Del Presidio Creek Bridge. This is one of multiple actions recommended by staff and supported by the City of Mill Valley and the Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC) to improve the safety of all path users. The recommended action is based on user counts and a study of speed limits along similar paths throughout the country conducted by the Marin County Department of Public Works, as well as public comment from the original first reading of the ordinance in January.

The recommended action will complement other actions by the County, the City of Mill Valley, and the MCBC in the aftermath of a serious accident that occurred along the path on September 6, 2014 involving an adult bicyclist and two children on foot. Short term actions included enforcement of speed limits by the City of Mill Valley Police Department and the Marin County Sheriff's Office, an education campaign led by the MCBC aimed at path users, and new markings on the path surface to separate path users and increase their awareness of congested areas. In addition, longer term solutions involving new regulatory and directional signs, an extended outreach campaign, and new pathway surface treatments are either underway or under development.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The recommended action has no fiscal impact.

REVIEWED BY:

Dept. of Finance
 County Counsel
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Respectfully submitted,



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