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Board of Supervisors
Marin County Civic Center
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SUBJECT: Ordinance Establishing Exemptions to the Bicycle Prohibitions on Sidewalks

Accounting

Dear Board Members:

Airport

RECOMMENDATION: Read ordinance by title only and schedule a merit hearing for June 21, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

Building Maintenance

SUMMARY: Current Marin County Code prohibits bicycles on sidewalks within a business district and prohibits bicycle riders 14 years or older on sidewalks within a residential district. The proposed change would allow the Board to specify sidewalks that are exempt from these bicycle sidewalk riding prohibitions. The initial request to examine this ordinance was made by the City of Sausalito, specifically for an exemption for the sidewalk on Donahue Street from the southern intersection with Drake Avenue to the Sausalito City limits. In this area, Donahue Street has a sidewalk that is more than eight feet wide and is often used by Marin City bicyclists to access the Mill Valley-Sausalito bike path. Although bicyclists over 14 can ride in the travel way on Donahue Street, the narrow travel way and proximity of the US 101 overpass abutments make bicycling in the travel way a challenge on this high volume arterial. The proposed exemption will provide bicyclist's a safer alternative.

Capital Projects

Certified Unified Program
Agency (CUPA)

Communications
Maintenance

County Garage

Disability Access

Engineering & Survey

Flood Control &
Water Resources

Land Development

Purchasing

Real Estate

The Marin City Community Services District reviewed the proposed exemption at their May 5, 2016 Board meeting and voted unanimously to support the proposed exemption. The City of Sausalito and Marin County's Bicycle Advisory Group also support the proposed bicycle sidewalk prohibition exemption. The County Sheriff and California Highway Patrol (CHP) both support the proposal ordinance but requested that a speed limit be established on sidewalks that are exempt. A 15 mph speed limit (unless otherwise posted) for sidewalks that are specified exempt is included in the ordinance.

Reprographic Services

Staff recommends the Board schedule a merit hearing for June 21, 2016 to consider adopting the attached ordinance. If adopted, staff will also bring forward to the Board a resolution specifying that the sidewalk on Donahue Street from the southern intersection with Drake Avenue to the city limits with Sausalito is exempt, including the section along Bridge Blvd.

Road Maintenance

Stormwater Program

Transportation &
Traffic Operations

Waste Management

FISCAL IMPACT: This action will result in the installation and ongoing maintenance of signs. Existing funds are budgeted and available in Road Fund 20100, Fund Center 4100061000 and Commitment Item # 5220500. There is no impact to the General Fund by this action.

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Human Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Ordinance

