

June 28, 2005

Board of Supervisors  
Marin County Civic Center  
San Rafael, CA 94903

**SUBJECT:** Execute Contribution Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for safety improvements at the US Highway 101 southbound offramp to East Blithedale Avenue/Tiburon Boulevard (District 3).

Dear Board Members:

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution authorizing the President of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Contribution Agreement.

**SUMMARY:** Currently a traffic safety concern exists on the southbound US Highway 101 offramp to East Blithedale Avenue/Tiburon Boulevard. During peak periods, the number of exiting vehicles routinely exceeds the offramp capacity resulting in long queues and congestion of the mainline freeway. This is further exacerbated by the freeway grades on the southbound approach to the offramp that reduce stopping sight distance to insufficient levels for the conditions.

The capacity and geometric conditions have resulted in numerous accidents. Recognizing this concern, the Department of Public Works requested that Caltrans prepare a Project Study Report to study possible improvements to enhance safety. In September 2001, Caltrans completed the Project Study Report that recommended increasing the storage capacity of the offramp by adding a lane.

Currently, Caltrans has \$4,800,000 programmed for these safety improvements in the Fiscal Year 2004/2005. The current cost of the project is approximately \$5,700,000. In requesting that Caltrans program this project, the County and Town of Tiburon agreed to contribute \$800,000 and \$100,000, respectively, to the construction of the safety improvements.

Caltrans recently completed the plans, specifications and estimate and is anticipating initiating construction in spring 2006. Caltrans is requesting execution of the contribution agreement to fully fund the proposed safety improvements.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** In executing this agreement, the County authorizes the expenditure of \$800,000 collected pursuant to Resolution No. 200-97 and Ordinance No. 3348 (Transportation Facilities Fees), and held in Trust 932. There is no impact to County's general funds.

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
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Respectfully submitted,

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