



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
April 4, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Agreement: American River Flood Control District for Phase I of Two Rivers Trail, CIP HB66

Location/Council District:

American River Parkway, South Levee, Council District 1

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1) Approving the Agreement between the City and the American River Flood Control District (ARFCD) for the Operation and Maintenance of Two Rivers Trail Phase I, CIP HB66.

Contact: Janet Baker, Park Development Manager, 808-8234

Presenters: Not Applicable

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Park Planning, Design and Development

Organization No: 4727

Summary:

The Two Rivers Trail Project consists of two trail segments that offer a connection from Tiscornia Park to the Sutter's Landing Regional Park. This is planned as a Class I bike trail approximately 2.5 miles in length and located primarily on the crown of the American River's southern levee. Phase I of the trail runs from Tiscornia Park to Highway 160. The ARFCD, who manages and maintains the levee, and the City of Sacramento will enter into an agreement to address the levee and trail maintenance as well as operation, trail closures, and emergency response during flood events.

Committee/Commission Action:

Not applicable. The Parks and Recreation Commission is periodically updated as to the status of the project.

Background Information:

The Two Rivers Trail Project consists of two trail segments that offer a connection from Tiscornia Park to the Sutter's Landing Regional Park. This is planned as a Class I bike trail approximately 2.5 miles in length and located primarily on the crown of the American River's southern levee (Attachment 1, page 5). This trail is seen as an important element of the redevelopment in the Richard's Boulevard area. This trail will also connect the Sacramento River Parkway to the American River Parkway and increase alternative transportation access to downtown employment and economic centers.

Phase I of the trail runs from Tiscornia Park to Highway 160. On March 7, 2002, the City Council approved the establishment of a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project for Phase I of the Two Rivers Trail, CIP HB66, for initial planning. Phase I includes a Class I trail, access ramps at North 5th and North 10th Streets, access from Tiscornia Park and Highway 160, and directional and information signage. On April 14, 2005, Council accepted a \$1.5 million Proposition 40 River Parkway Grant to fund portions of design, construction documents, acquisition, and construction of Phase I of the Two Rivers Trail. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation, right-of-way engineering, and the survey work on Phase I are complete. The construction documents are being developed and the acquisition process has commenced. On January 24, 2006, Council approved the Willdan Group providing the services needed (project management, design, and construction assistance) by the City for Phase I of the project.

The ARFCD currently manages and maintains the southern levee of the American River where the Two Rivers Bike Trail is to be located. The ARFCD and the City of Sacramento will enter into an agreement to address levee and trail maintenance and operation, trail closures, and emergency response during flood events. This agreement will address issues specific to the Two Rivers Trail and will incorporate the ARFCD's trail policy which was adopted by the ARFCD's Board.

Financial Considerations:

No new funds are requested for this report.

Environmental Considerations:

The action of approving an agreement between two regulatory agencies to protect natural resources is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15307 which states that actions taken by regulatory agencies as authorized by state law or local ordinance to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment is exempt. No construction activities are involved in this exemption. Any further actions requiring construction under this agreement have been adequately analyzed within the Negative Declaration for the Two Rivers Trail project approved on November 8, 2005, by the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation. Mandatory mitigation measures, as specified in the Mitigation Monitoring Plan, have been incorporated into the project plans to avoid identified impacts or to mitigate such impacts to a point where clearly no significant impacts will occur.

Policy Considerations:

Two Rivers Bike Trail is in the 2010 City/County Bikeway Master Plan; the trail was listed as one of the top five off-street bikeway priority projects in the 2006 Transportation Planning Guide approved by Council on November 1, 2005.

Providing Parks and Recreation facilities is consistent with the City's strategic plan to enhance liveability in Sacramento's neighborhoods by expanding park facilities throughout the City.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):

Not applicable.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
ROBERT G. OVERSTREET II
Director of Parks and Recreation

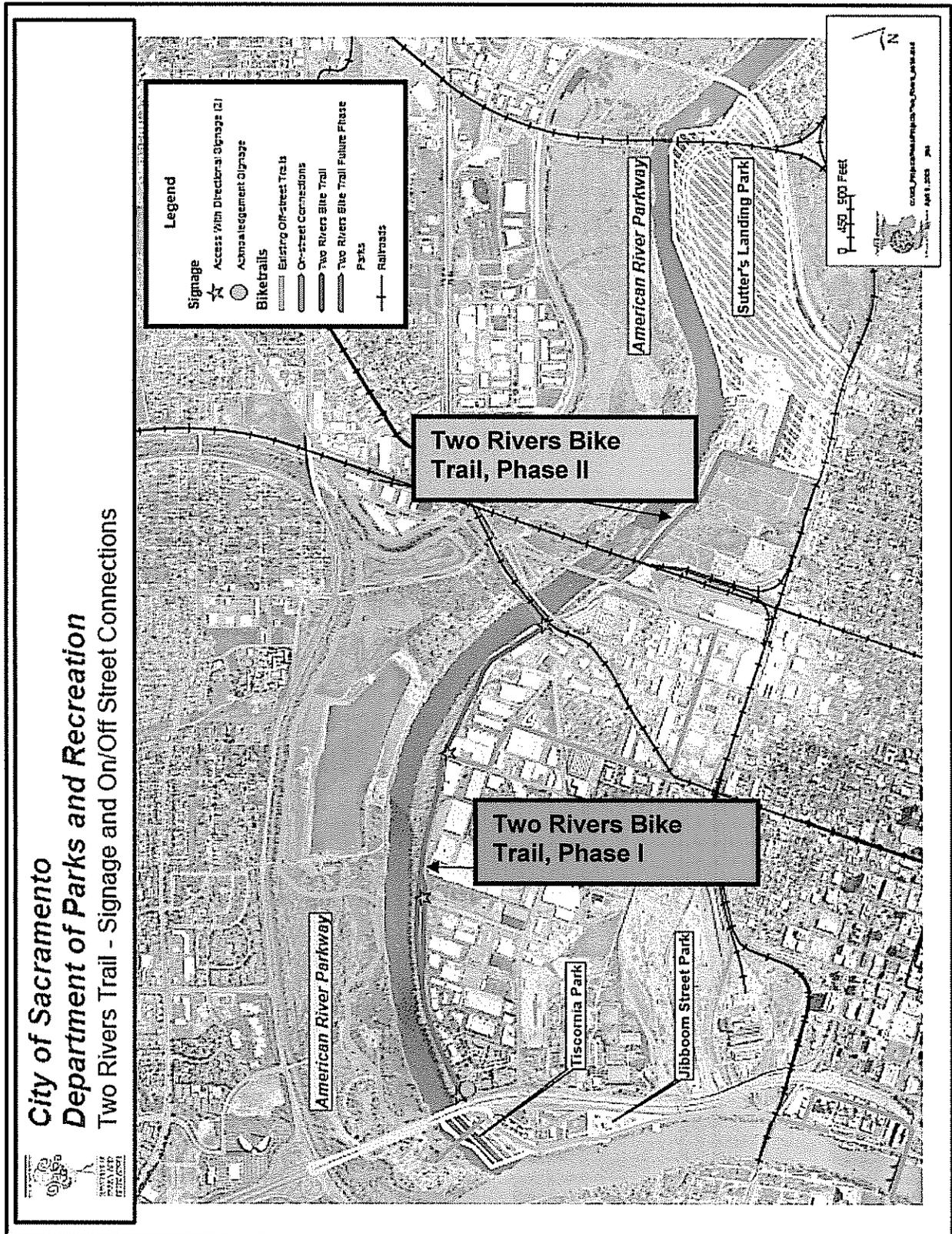
Recommendation Approved:


for RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

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Attachment 1 – Signage and On/Off Street Connections Aerial Map



RESOLUTION NO. 2006-XXXX

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

April 4, 2006

**APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO AND THE
AMERICAN RIVER FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FOR THE OPERATION AND
MAINTENANCE OF TWO RIVERS TRAIL PHASE I, CIP HB66**

BACKGROUND:

- A. The Two Rivers Bike Trail Capital Improvement Program project was created March 7, 2002.
- B. On April 14, 2005, Council accepted a \$1.5 million State Bond Grant, Proposition 40 River Parkway Grant, for portions of design, development of construction documents, acquisition, and construction of Two Rivers Trail Phase I from Tiscornia Park to Highway 160.
- C. The Two Rivers Bike Trail is in the 2010 City/County Bikeway Master Plan. The trail was listed as one of the top five off-street bikeway priority projects in the 2006 Transportation Planning Guide approved by Council on November 1, 2005.
- D. The American River Flood Control District currently manages and maintains the levee where the Two Rivers Trail will be located. The American River Flood Control District and the City of Sacramento will enter into an agreement to address the levee and trail maintenance as well as operation, trail closures, and emergency response during flood events.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. Approves the Agreement between the City of Sacramento and the American River Flood Control District for the Operation and Maintenance of Two Rivers Trail Phase I, CIP HB66.

