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February 20, 2007

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Director

Board of Supervisors  
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**SUBJECT:** Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program Status Report

Dear Board Members:

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that your Board accept the report.

**SUMMARY:** The Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program (NTPP) is a component of the federal transportation bill SAFETEA-LU, enacted in 2005, and allocates \$25 million to Marin County; Sheboygan County, Wisconsin; Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Columbia, Missouri, for the purpose of constructing infrastructure and conducting educational programming to ascertain whether bicycling and walking can result in a greater share of overall trips and thus reduce single-occupant vehicle usage.

Since the last update to your Board on October 10, 2006, staff continues to move forward with implementation of the NTPP locally. Highlights include:

### National Program

The four communities continue to confer on a bi-weekly basis to share ideas and compare approaches.

Initial baseline data collection in each of the four pilot communities, and the control community of Spokane, Washington, has been completed by the University of Minnesota Center for Transportation Studies. The results will be included in a report to Congress by the Federal Highway Administration in September of 2007. The survey instrument and outcomes from this survey will be the basis for the second survey at the conclusion of the NTPP in the fall of 2010. Utilizing the same survey methodology for both surveys will enable the comparison of data from the two periods to ascertain whether the desired mode shift has occurred, a primary objective of the enabling legislation for the Pilot.

The national communications and outreach program is coordinated by the Rails to Trails Conservancy (RTC). Staff is working with RTC on a program brochure and a program poster for each community.

### Local Work Program

A local work program is underway, see attached NTPP Project and Program Identification and Ranking Process. Working with an Advisory Committee, see attached for roster, staff and consultants are nearing the end of the Projects and Programs Prioritization Process. Once the Advisory Committee has completed its

work, staff will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on selection of projects and programs. The Board of Supervisors will make the final decisions.

As planned, starting in the Spring of 2007, identified projects will be undertaken first with environmental review, then design, and finally, construction. Reconciling typical infrastructure construction schedules with the tight timeline of the Pilot Program, it is intended that through the remainder of 2007 and into 2008 the environmental and design processes will occur with construction beginning in mid-2008 to 2009 and all projects targeted for completion no later than the fall of 2009, providing time for public use before the September, 2010 survey and also providing some contingency time for unanticipated delays. Some simpler projects that might be recommended, such as striping improvements or minor modifications to roadways, may occur on a faster track to the extent that they require less review by outside agencies. Selected educational and outreach programs will be refined in spring, 2007 with anticipated implementation beginning in summer, 2007. The anticipated schedule for the initial phases is as follows:

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| February 27 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advisory Committee approves draft final recommendation to the Department of Public Works on projects and programs</li> </ul>  |
| March 12    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public presentation on purpose of NTPP program, project and program ideas outreach process, categories, screening and ranking process, draft final recommendation from Advisory Committee. San Rafael Community Center, 618 B Street</li> <li>• Obtain public feedback</li> </ul> |
| March 20    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advisory Committee's last meeting. Final recommendation to the Department of Public Works on projects and programs</li> </ul>   |
| April       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board of Supervisors Public Hearing, Department of Public Works makes recommendation on projects and programs, Board of Supervisors makes selection decisions, discussion of tools to expedite project delivery</li> </ul>  |
| Spring      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begin environmental review and initial design for proposed projects</li> <li>• Initiate educational program development</li> </ul>  |

### **Public Outreach**

Educational and informational outreach will continue throughout the Pilot Program, until the end of 2010. A website is available with information on the program and walking and biking in Marin at [www.walkbikemarin.org](http://www.walkbikemarin.org).

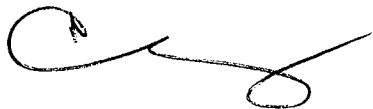
### **Leveraging Funds**

As with any funding program, the funds provided through the Pilot Program will not cover the full cost of the myriad bicycle and pedestrian projects proposed over the years. Coordination with the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) and their various nonmotorized funding sources will be an essential component in delivering the greatest number of projects and programs between the NTPP funds and other funding sources. The current activities by TAM to coordinate the funding application process will complement efforts of the NTPP work program.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No impact with update.

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Very truly yours,



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Attachment:

NTPP Project and Program Identification and Ranking Process  
NTPP Advisory Committee Roster

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