



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 2/28/2023

File #: 23-71

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Public Works

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Traffic Regulations in the Eureka, Arcata and Westhaven Areas

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt Ordinance No. _____, Amending Humboldt County Code Section 421-3 Relating to Boulevard Stops in the Westhaven Area; Amending Section 421-5 Relating to Boulevard Stops in the Eureka Area and Amending Section 431-35 Relating to Parking Restrictions in the Arcata Area, all of Title IV of the Humboldt County Code.
2. Direct Public Works staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk finding that the Project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines set forth in California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15301 - "Existing Facilities" and Section 15304 - "Minor Alterations to Land".

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Roads Fund (1200325)

DISCUSSION:

On Feb. 07, 2023, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors introduced the above-referenced ordinance for adoption with a directive to the Clerk of the Board to publish a pre-adoption summary of the ordinance and set the ordinance for adoption on Feb. 28, 2023. At that meeting the Board of Supervisors also found that the project was exempt from environmental review pursuant California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines set forth in California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15301 - "Existing Facilities" and Section 15304 - "Minor Alterations to Land". To comply with CEQA a Notice of Exemption must be filed.

The recommended action will complete adoption of the ordinance and result in publication of a post-adoption summary and the filing of a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Adoption of the attached ordinance will require the installation of a stop sign. The estimated cost

associated with the required signage is \$500 and is covered by the Humboldt County Road Fund.

The Road Fund (1200) has a negative balance. This is partially due to the timing of Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursements to the county, which can take years for the county to receive repayment. The department utilizes other state and local funding, such as Regional Surface Transportation Program funds, for the Humboldt County Road Fund match for reimbursable projects. Despite those additional funding sources, Road Fund projects are underfunded and will very likely have a negative impact on the General Fund if additional revenue sources are not secured.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

The recommended actions support the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Framework by providing for and maintaining infrastructure.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

California Highway Patrol and Humboldt County Sheriff Department

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to adopt the attached ordinance. However, this alternative is not recommended since it would not improve traffic safety in the relevant locations.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Board Order No. _____, dated Feb. 07, 2023
2. Ordinance
3. Post-Adoption Summary
4. CEQA Notice of Exemption

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.:

Meeting of: 2/07/23

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