SUBJECT: BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT RESOLUTION

SOURCE: Parks and Leisure Services

COMMENT: Caltrans is soliciting proposals for bicycle projects. To be eligible for Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) funds cities and counties must have a Bike Plan. The City of Porterville has been included in the TCAG County wide Bicycle Transportation Plan Draft which includes the Tule River Parkway. BTA projects are intended to improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters on transportation corridors which could include a project such as the Tule River Parkway. Staff recommends that the City of Porterville apply for BTA fund for the Tule River Parkway Phase II between Jaye Street and Main Street. The cost of the proposed project is $176,000 with the City matching 10% ($16,000), with in house engineering and planning costs. The City owns all of the property where the trail will be placed and has an approved recorded easement with the San Joaquin Railroad for access across their property to the Main Street Bridge.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt resolution approving the Application for Funding for the Tule River Parkway Phase II from the Caltrans Bicycle Transportation Account.

ATTACHMENT: Resolution Approving the Application
RESOLUTION NO. ________

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR THE
TULE RIVER PARKWAY PHASE II

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Porterville supports a Bike Path along the Tule River; and

WHEREAS, the Bike Path will encourage bike usage along the Tule River while promoting riparian oriented conservation, open space and recreation and park opportunities; and

WHEREAS, a bike path will allow for public access along the Tule River while minimizing negative impacts to natural habitat; and

WHEREAS, the City of Porterville will enter into a contract with Caltans Bicycle Transportation Project Account.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved:

1. Certifies that the 10% matching funds required by the City will be available to complete the Project.

2. Certifies that applicant has or will have sufficient funds to maintain the project.

3. Appoint the Director of Parks and Leisure Services as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreement, payment requests which may be necessary for the completion of the project.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED June 18, 2002.

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Gordon T. Woods, Mayor

ATTEST:

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John Longley, City Clerk