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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
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RE: RECEIVE PRESENTATION ON RESULTS OF SUPPLEMENTAL FEASIBILITY STUDY (PROJECT PHASE 1) AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APPLICABLE ROUTES FOR FURTHER STUDY, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT NO. 100086, BROOKTRAILS SECOND ACCESS — PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING, PHASE 1 (BROOKTRAILS AREA)

Honorable Board Members:

By Resolution No. 11-070 (17 May 2011), Board approved award of Phase 1, Department of Transportation (DOT) Agreement No. 100086 to Drake, Haglan and Associates (DHA), scope to include feasibility study level development and analysis of the FirCo Haul Road route and the Alternate A route, in addition to peer review/further analysis of those alternate routes addressed in the previous Brooktrails Second Access feasibility study performed by KOA Corporation.

DHA has now completed the work scope delineated by Phase 1, DOT Agreement No. 100086. A copy of the relevant Supplemental Feasibility Study, along with a copy of the PowerPoint presentation concerning the study, has been posted on the County DOT website under the “Brooktrails Second Access — Preliminary Engineering” tab (Item 7). The applicable link is <http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/dot/brooktrailsPE.htm>.

Upon peer review/further analysis of the five alternate routes for the Brooktrails Second Access studied under the KOA feasibility study and also performing a feasibility study level development and analysis of the FirCo Haul Road and Alternate A routes, DHA concluded that the Alternate I route and the FirCo Haul Road route thoroughly meet the purpose and need of the Brooktrails Second Access project and therefore should be designated — in addition to the “no build” alternative — for environmental, engineering and other appropriate and necessary studies in determining the preferred alternative for the Brooktrails Second Access project.

County Department of Transportation staff personnel concur with the conclusions of the Supplemental Feasibility Study for the Brooktrails Second Access project and therefore recommend that the Alternate I route and the FirCo Haul Road route be designated for further studies — as well as the “no build” alternative — in determining said project’s preferred alternative.

In view of the foregoing considerations, the Department has prepared a draft resolution for moving ahead with the Brooktrails Second Access project.

The proposed Resolution envisions the Board (1) accepting the Supplemental Feasibility Study for the Brooktrails Second Access project prepared by Drake, Haglan and Associates; (2) approving designation of the Alternate I route, the FirCo Haul Road route and the “no build” alternative for further development and study under Phase 2 of DOT Agreement No. 100086 — Project Approval and Documentation; (3) authorizing and directing County staff to effect discussions and negotiations with Drake, Haglan and Associates to determine a fair and reasonable cost and timeframe for completion of Phase 2, DOT Agreement No. 100086; and (4) directing County staff to bring back to the Board as soon as is practicable the relevant Amendment No. 1 to DOT Agreement No. 100086, including the provisions for approval and award to Drake, Haglan and Associates for performing the work under Phase 2 of said Agreement — Project Approval and Documentation.

I will, of course, respond to any questions that the Board may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure

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