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**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No.

A Resolution authorizing the Director of)
Housing and Community Development or)
designee to apply for, execute related)
agreements and accept grant funds received)
from the Federal Highway Administration’s)
National Scenic Byways Program, via)
Caltrans, after review and approval as to form)
by County Counsel.

WHEREAS, the National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP) is part of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

WHEREAS, created in 1991, FHWA administers the NSBP to help recognize, preserve and enhance selected roads throughout the United States. The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 included \$16 million for the NSBP – the first Congressional appropriations for the program since 2012-- and directed FHWA to make new NSBP designations. The recently enacted Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022 provides an additional \$6 million for the NSBP.

WHEREAS, FHWA recognizes certain roads as All-American Roads or National Scenic Byways based on one or more archeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational and scenic qualities. State Route 1 (“Highway 1”) in Big Sur is a designated American National Scenic Byway.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), FHWA announced a notice of funding opportunity and requested grant applications for FHWA’s NSBP as provided by the Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260) and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, on March 16, 2022.

WHEREAS, FHWA’s Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) allows states and federally recognized Tribes to apply for \$22 million in grants through FHWA’s National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP). The program funds improvements, such as byway facilities, safety improvements, and interpretive information, along roads in the United States that merit recognition at the national level for their outstanding scenic, historic, cultural, natural recreational and archeological qualities. An eligible project also includes activities to the development and implementation of a scenic byway marketing program and tourist information.

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey (“County”) is not an eligible applicant.

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is an eligible applicant but other entities may partner with the Caltrans on the submittal of an application.

WHEREAS, five National Scenic Byways in California, including the Big Sur Coast Highway, will be grouping its requests, along with a project that will incorporate all Scenic Byways in California, into one application totaling \$500,000 through Caltrans.

WHEREAS, the Big Sur Byways application will include an application request for \$65,000 dollars in funding to support an informational campaign that would acquaint residents and visitors with the many byways and help educate visitors about how they can help maintain them for everyone to enjoy.

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the above recitals, findings, and the administrative record, be the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey resolves and authorizes the Director of Housing and Community Development or designee to apply for, execute related agreements and accept grant funds received from the Federal Highway Administration's National Scenic Byways Program, via Caltrans, after review and approval as to form by County Counsel.

PASSED AND ADOPTED upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ and carried this day of June 14, 2022, by the following vote, to wit:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSTENTIONS:
- ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book _____ for the meeting on June 14, 2022.

Dated: Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
Deputy