Before the Planning Commission in and for the County of Monterey, State of California

In the matter of the application of:

COUNTY OF MONTEREY - PUBLIC WORKS (REF120081)

RESOLUTION NO. 13-011

Resolution by the Monterey County Planning Commission:

Recommending to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors that the 2011 Transportation Agency for Monterey County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan as it pertains to the unincorporated areas of the County and report to the Board of Supervisors that it is in conformity with the adopted 2010 Monterey County General Plan and the Local Coastal Program. [REF120081, County of Monterey – Public Works (County-Wide)]

I. RECITALS

- 1. Section 65401 of the California Code requires that the Planning Commission review and report to the Board of Supervisors on the conformity with the adopted General Plan prior to recommending, preparing plans for, or constructing, major public works projects.
- 2. In October 2011 the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) Board of Directors adopted the 2011 Transportation Agency for Monterey County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (TAMC Plan).
- Portions of the TAMC Plan apply to the unincorporated areas of the County and are within the discretion and purview of the Board of Supervisors.
- 4. The California Department of Transportation certified the TAMC Plan. Local jurisdictions can adopt the TAMC Plan to be eligible for grant funds.
- 5. The Planning Commission has reviewed those sections of the TAMC Plan under the County of Monterey's purview and found those sections consistent with the 2010 General Plan and Local Coastal Plan.
- 6. The California Department of Transportation (California Streets and Highway Code Section 891.2) sets guidelines that all bikeway plans must follow if they are seeking final approval and funding from the State and requires the bicycle transportation plans be updated every five years to be eligible for funds.
- Adoption of the TAMC Plan as applicable to the unincorporated area of the County is not a project under §15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, which provides an exemption for, "The creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment." The TAMC Plan does not provide a commitment to construct any one project; the list is used to apply for state grants. Each project requires approval and CEQA review.

DECISION

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the above findings and evidence, the Planning Commission does hereby:

Find the project exempt from environmental review under Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guideklines; and

2. Report to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors that the 2011 Transportation Agency for Monterey County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan as it pertains to the unincorporated areas of the County is in conformity with the adopted 2010 Monterey County General Plan and the Local Coastal Program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of March, 2013 upon motion of Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Getzelman, by the following vote:

AYES: Getzelman, Rochester, Salazar, Mendez, Roberts, Hert

NOES: None

ABSENT: Brown, Vandevere, Diehl, Padilla

ABSTAIN: None

Mike Novo, Secretary