



# SANTA ROSA COUNTY

## GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Tony Gomillion

FROM: Sheila Fitzgerald, Grants and Special Projects Director

DATE: May 5, 2016

SUBJECT: Reallocation of TDC sidewalk funding to Bagdad Mill Site Park

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend board approval to reallocate \$25,000 of the remaining \$54,986 currently available for sidewalk improvements in Bagdad to go towards improvements in the Bagdad Mill Site Park as recommended by the north-end committee and TDC board at its May 5, 2016 meeting.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In June 2009, specific to the connection between Bagdad and the City of Milton, the Board approved construction of sidewalks by county forces at an estimated cost of \$82,000 funded by TDC allocation for the project. Approximately \$27,015 has been spent to construct the following sidewalks:

- Sidewalk extending along the north side of Old Bagdad Hwy from Forsyth St to just west of School Street
- Sidewalks along Forsyth Street and on Main Street leading the Bagdad Mill Site Park

There is \$54,984 remaining in a budget authorization in the Road & Bridge Multi-Purpose Path line. These funds have been carried forward each year in anticipation of additional sidewalk needs in Bagdad, particularly as they relate to the connection of the two communities, one of the priorities of the TDC's north-end committee for several years.

If the reallocation is approved, the total of TDC allocations to the park will be increased to \$442,000. Funding would be spent on remaining needs at the park including: additional sod to stabilize the retaining ponds and slopes and for aesthetic purposes; ADA platforms for portable toilets; light poles and power connection for security at the Kayak Launch; additional trash cans and picnic tables; and other miscellaneous needs. All previous funding allocations have been expended or obligated and there is no other funding remaining to assist with park needs.

#### **FUTURE ACTION**

If approved, a budget amendment will be added to Thursday's meeting for approval.