

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



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SUBMITTAL DATE:
September 3, 2004

FROM: TLMA - Transportation Dept.

SUBJECT: Roadside Adopt A Trail Program

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Adopt the Roadside Adopt A Trail Program and direct Transportation staff to work with interested community groups to implement the program.

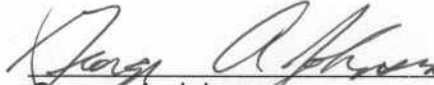
BACKGROUND: During the development of the new RCIP General Plan, many residents from rural areas of the County raised concerns with respect to the preservation of rural lifestyle and particularly the need to provide trails to serve unincorporated rural communities. The new RCIP General Plan Circulation Element provides the policy basis for conditioning new development for trails, as indicated in the Trail and Bikeway System Plans for each Area Plan. The new RCIP General Plan policies should address future trail issues with respect to new development. However, there are still communities that feel the need to take interim measures to designate "official" trails in their areas, using County roadways to fill in missing gaps in the trails system.

Departmental Concurrence

FORM APPROVED
COUNTY COUNSEL

AUG 27 2004

BY 
ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSEL


George A. Johnson
Director of Transportation

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0.00	In Current Year Budget:	0.00
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0.00	Budget Adjustment:	0.00
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0.00	For Fiscal Year:	2004/05

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: **APPROVE**

County Executive Office Signature 

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent
- Dep't Recomm.:
- Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref. **District:** All **Agenda Number:**

**ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
RE: Roadside Adopt A Trail Program
September 3, 2004
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Residents from the Wildomar area, in particular, have suggested the designation of official trails within County road rights of way and have expressed the belief that they can garner community support to adopt these trails for maintenance. The Transportation Department currently has an Adopt A Road Program in place to provide for litter pick up along County Roadways. The County Parks and Open Space District also has a similar Adopt A Trail Program for trails under their jurisdiction. The proposed program, as here attached, combines elements from both of these existing programs. The Transportation Department feels that the Roadside Adopt A Trail Program will help to instill civic pride by encouraging community involvement and help to fill gaps in the existing trails system.

To qualify, trails would need to be designated on the Trails and Bikeway System Plan for the area in which they are located. Candidate trails will be field reviewed by Transportation staff to determine viability and to ensure that the "official" designation will only be permitted on roadways that can safely accommodate joint use of motor vehicles and trails. Safety is of a paramount concern, both with respect to individuals working within the road rights of way and with respect to the liability of official designation of trails within road rights of way. We believe that the program provides adequate safeguards for all parties involved, so long as safety procedures are followed. Permittees are required to execute a hold harmless agreement as part of the permit application. All individuals working on the trails are required to attend a safety orientation and must also sign a hold harmless agreement. Any minors must have a permission slip from their parent or legal guardian. All individual Adopt A Trail proposals will be presented to your Board for final approval. Permits will be issued for a two-year period and will be reviewed for compliance with all permit requirements prior to any renewal.

The attached letters from Wildomar Municipal Advisory Community (MAC) and Wildomar Incorporation NOW indicate their support and endorsement of the Roadside Adopt A Trail Program, as well as their desire to participate in the program as a trail sponsor, once the program is in place. Along with their letters is a copy of the Trails and Bikeway System map for the Elsinore Area Plan, which includes Wildomar. The system map depicts the overall plan for the area. The group has identified several locations, which they feel would be good candidate trail segments. Transportation Department staff has been working with the Wildomar MAC and feel that their trail proposals could provide the basis for a successful pilot project for the Roadside Adopt A Trail Program. Upon approval of the overall Roadside Adopt a Trail Program, we will work with the Wildomar group to finalize their application and bring it to your Board for final approval.

Also attached is a complete Roadside Adopt A Trail Program brochure, which describes the program in detail and includes an application form and all of the forms associated with the program. The Transportation Department is pleased to bring this proposal forward. We recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the Roadside Adopt A Trail program as herewith presented.