STAFF REPORT

TO: **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**

FROM: **Cecilia Zamora, Associate Engineer**

DATE: **February 13, 2013**

SUBJECT: **Bike Map Kiosks – County/City Kiosks**

ISSUE: Update on County multi-use path signage

RECOMMENDATION: Receive update and provide comments as necessary

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Providing bike map kiosks on the County multi-use path is a project that is identified in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan and in the BPAC Work plan. The BPAC has had many discussions on the need to install maps to guide visitors to the safest routes, the appropriate amenities in Mill Valley and nearby features include Muir Woods and the Tiburon Ferry.

In 2011, the BPAC identified three priority locations for the installation of the kiosks. These locations included intersections with the County multi-use path at Almonte Boulevard, Sycamore Avenue, and Roque Moraes Avenue. Some of these locations are within Marin County jurisdiction. The BPAC also reviewed design alternatives for the kiosks, construction cost, and bike map limits. In an effort to expedite the project, DPW Staff applied for an REI / Bike Belong Grant in August 2011, but was not selected to receive funding.

In 2012 DPW staff contacted Marin County to inquire about encroachment permits needed for the construction of the kiosks within County jurisdiction. Staff learned that the County was working on developing a comprehensive sign plan through a project called "Marin County Parks' Sign Project." The project involves eliminating sign pollution and developing uniform signage, including informational kiosks, for all County lands - parks, preserves and paved pathways. The County multi-use path is a high priority location. The BPAC and DPW staff have

been in communication with County staff to request that County kiosk information incorporate information identified by the BPAC. Cristina Torresan, manager of the County sign project, has expressed that the County has the intention of providing the City with a side of a kiosk along the path within City Limits. Cristina has also stated that either she or another staff member from Marin County Parks will do a presentation to the BPAC addressing kiosk's prototypes, information, locations, etc.

On more recent communications with Cristina Torresan, staff learned that final kiosk locations along the County multi-use path have not been selected yet. However, a County kiosk will not be installed at the intersection with Sycamore Avenue due to inadequate County right-of-way. The County will not install a kiosk at the intersection of Roque Moraes either and will not support the installation of a City kiosk at this location or any other County Parks' land. The County will be producing a sign standard manual to formally address signage encroachment permits in County parks, preserves, and pathways. Until then, encroachment permits will not be granted.

The County kiosk's prototypes have not been selected either. County staff is reviewing different styles of kiosks with display areas of 4'x6' or greater, but that are not bulky in style. DPW staff shared the idea of a three-sided kiosk with Cristina Torresan to allow more display area for City information, but it is too premature for the County to give an answer on this request. As a general idea on the County project schedule: signage design will occur during spring from April to mid-June, and signage installation at high priority locations such as the County multi-use Path will occur during the summer at the start of the fiscal year. Ms. Torresan has asked for the 2013 BPAC meeting schedule to identify an appropriate date for their presentation to the BPAC.

ATTACHMENTS:

None