

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Joseph M. Deakin, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: South River Road Bike Path
DATE: May 6, 2003

NEEDS: For the City Council to review the current analysis and engineering on the South River Road Bike Path Plan, and provide a course for further project efforts.

- FACTS:**
1. In 1998, the City received a grant to prepare a feasibility study for a bike/pedestrian path from the Veterans Memorial Bridge to 13th Street Bridge.
 2. In February 2002, City Council adopted the Bikeway Master Plan showing the bike path construction as a third priority project.
 3. The City received a grant from San Luis Obispo Council of Government (SLOCOG) for \$135,000. The grant is provided to prepare PS&E (plans, specifications and estimates) for the bike path.
 4. On June 4, 2002, the City Council directed staff to submit a revised project description to SLOCOG. The revised project extends the bike path from the Riverbank Tract through Woodland Plaza I & II, ending north of Woodland Plaza II. The revised project was approved by SLOCOG.
 5. In December 2002, the City Council hired Penfield & Smith to prepare the PS&E.

**ANALYSIS
AND**

CONCLUSION: The attached exhibit depicts a proposed bike path from Riverbank Tract, along Woodland Plaza I, under the Veterans Memorial Bridge, and then along Woodland Plaza II. Cost estimates for this bike path are as follows:

Reach A: Bike path south of Veterans Memorial Bridge (Woodland Plaza II)
Estimated Cost: \$ 75,000

Reach B: Bike path under Veterans Memorial Bridge
Estimated Cost: \$ 30,000

Reach C: Bike path north of Veterans Memorial Bridge (Woodland Plaza I)
Estimated Cost: \$ 120,000

With \$35,000 committed to the design effort already approved by the City Council, there is approximately \$100,000 in remaining SLOCOG grant funds available to construct the bike path.

DISCUSSION

Reach A

The bike path in Reach A is within the next development phase of Woodland Plaza II. In discussion with the developer, they have no plans at this time to develop the next phase. Further, they do not wish to encumber their ability to develop their property by dedicating a bike path easement, yet the development has a Condition of Approval to install a bike path at the time the next phase of the shopping center is constructed. If the bike path were constructed now using grant funds, future shopping center development may require demolition and/or relocation of the path.

Reach B

The bike path in Reach B would be located within the 100-year floodplain. The \$30,000 estimate includes the cost to process and implement permit requirements from the US Army Corp of Engineers and/or the California Department of Fish & Game to install the bike path under the bridge.

Reach C

The bike path in Reach C (Woodland Plaza I) would provide the path connecting to the future bike path proposed with Tract 2422 on River Road north of Woodland Plaza I (Rivercrest Estates). In order to construct this reach of the path within the available funds, portions parallel to Niblick Road could be deleted. However, constructed portions would still provide a connection between Woodland Plaza I & II, as well as future Tract 2422.

SUMMARY & CONCLUSION

In order to make the most practical use of the limited bike path construction funding, Reach C of the bike path could be designed and constructed. The design limitation could be aimed at maintaining construction cost within the available grant of approximately \$100,000.

POLICY

REFERENCE: Bikeway Master Plan; Capital Improvement Program

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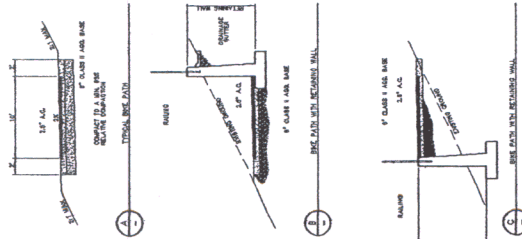
IMPACT: This project is funded with a SLOCOG Grant

OPTIONS:

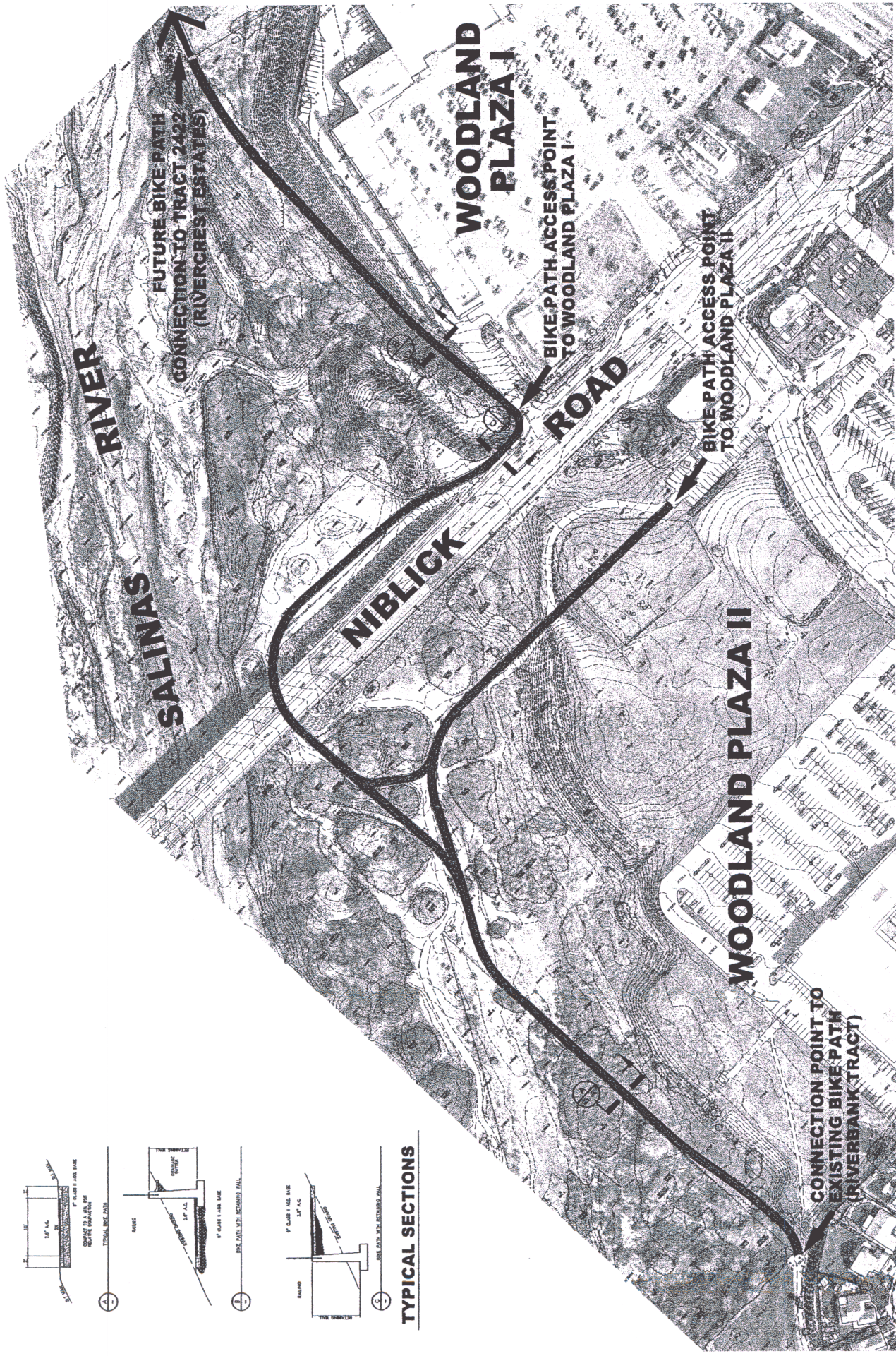
- a.** Direct staff to proceed with the preparation of bid documents to construct a bike path connecting Veterans Memorial Bridge to Rivercrest Estates (Reach C) within the allocated grant funds from SLOCOG.
- b.** Amend, modify or reject the above option.

Attachments (1)

1) Exhibit



TYPICAL SECTIONS



BIKE/ PEDESTRIAN PATH
FROM RIVERBANK TRACT TO TRACT 2422
 DPW PROJECT NO. 02-19



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