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To: NCRA Board of Directors

From: Executive Director Stogner

Date: January 9, 2019

Subject: **Agenda Item F.6 – Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Property Committee Recommendation Relative to Ukiah Depot Improvements**

As the Board is well aware, efforts have been ongoing to resolve cost issues with the Judicial Council staff and the City of Ukiah pertaining to the Offsite Improvement Agreement and related matters. The City of Ukiah has agreed to take responsibility for certain public improvements such as traffic signal modifications, utility connections and intersection completion, and is currently considering additional improvements within the Clay Street right-of-way and a portion of the railroad right of way. The objective remains to reduce the cost of the NCRA/JCC work to a level that can be paid from available funds. The NCRA previously invested virtually all of the net funds derived from the sale of the courthouse site to the JCC, leaving the \$1,690,000 from the JCC as the balance available.

As a separate but related matter, the City requests in the attached letter that NCRA grant an easement on the Mason Street property, allowing its improvement by the City for trail-related functions including parking, covered seating/picnic area, bicycle racks, etc. The development of the site for these purposes is important to the community, demonstrates NCRA's active support of trail development, and reciprocates for the City of Ukiah's long-standing and extensive assistance with the Ukiah Depot Site.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve the granting of an easement to the City of Ukiah for use and improvement of the Mason Street Property for trail- and transportation-related functions, and authorize the Executive Director to implement the necessary actions pertaining thereto.