



MEMO

To: NCRA Board of Directors

From: Executive Director Stogner

Date: April 10, 2019

Subject: **Agenda Item F.3 – Discussion Regarding License Agreement with City of Blue Lake for Phase 1 of Annie & Mary Trail**

The City of Blue Lake was recently awarded an Active Transportation Program state grant to construct the first segment of the Annie & Mary Trail, located on the Arcata & Mad River junction with the NWP main line at Korblex (MP 295.57) and running easterly towards the city of Blue Lake.

The NCRA Board approved a Resolution in 2008 acknowledging that the return of freight trains to this branch line was unlikely and recognizing the A&M Rail Corridor as being appropriate for multi-modal transportation use.

In order to take advantage of the initial state grant covering the first 0.7 miles of the proposed trail, Humboldt County and the city of Blue Lake would like to enter into a license agreement, similar to trail license agreements executed between NCRA and the cities of Arcata and Eureka, to begin planning and engineering activities on NCRA right-of-way for the first phase of the project.

The proposed License Agreement is attached for your review.

Staff Recommendation:

Authorize Chair to approve License Agreement in a form substantially compliant with this draft and as approved by counsel. This will allow legal counsel to make any minor changes that may be recommended by CTC staff.