



# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

## STAFF REPORT

### February 6, 2019

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Garrett Toy, Town Manager *GT*

**SUBJECT:** Adopt a resolution approving the designation of U.S. Bicycle Route 95 (USBR 95) connecting San Anselmo to unincorporated County through Fairfax

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a resolution approving the designation of U.S. Bicycle Route 95 (USBR 95) through Fairfax.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The proposed route for USBR 95 will provide a benefit to the Town by collaborating with Caltrans and American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) to provide a statewide connection from the Oregon border to Mexico. AASHTO has designated this corridor through California to be developed as USBR 95 that follows the Pacific Coast. Fairfax lies within that corridor.

The route follows the route many cyclist currently take thru Town to West Marin which starts from Lansdale Blvd from the San Anselmo border, continues on Center and Broadway to the County library, continues on to Sir Francis Drake to Olema Road, and then continues on Olema Road back to Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Other Marin communities such as the County of Marin, Corte Madera, Sausalito, Mill Valley, and Larkspur have already endorsed the route thru their respective communities. Caltrans supports the request and is the agency who will officially submit the route approval application to AASHTO.

According to Adventure Cycling Association, the designation is not expected to have any noticeable increase in bicycle trips as the route is already a popular tourist destination. The approval of the resolution does not create any obligations or liabilities to the Town such as the installation of signs or markers or any type of road improvements. The project sponsors may choose to do so in the future through the Town's permit process.

If no action is taken by the Town, the route will likely remain as proposed, but no future route signage would be allowed in Town.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None

#### **ATTACHMENT**

Resolution

RESOLUTION 19-\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF UNITED STATES  
BIKE ROUTE 95 (USBR 95) CONNECTING SAN ANSELMO TO UNINCORPORATED  
COUNTY THROUGH FAIRFAX**

**WHEREAS**, bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, contributing \$47 billion a year to the economies of communities that provide facilities for such tourists; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has designated a corridor through California to be developed as United States Bike Route 95 (USBR 95); and

**WHEREAS**, the Adventure Cycling Association and the California Bicycle Coalition, with the cooperation of Caltrans, have proposed specific route to be designated as USBR 95, a map of which are herein incorporated into this resolution by reference, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed route for USBR 95 comes through Fairfax and can therefore provide benefits to our residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, we have investigated the proposed route and found it to be a suitable route, and desire that the route be designated so that it can be mapped and signed, thereby promoting bicycle tourism in our area;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that Fairfax hereby expresses its approval and support for the development of USBR 95, and requests that Caltrans get the route officially designated by AASHTO as soon as this can be achieved, and authorizes the posting of signs within the Fairfax right-of-way identifying the route through the community once the official designation has been made.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the 6th day of February 2019 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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BARBARA COLER, Mayor

Attest:

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Michele Gardner, Town Clerk