

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
STAFF REPORT**

TO: Mayor, Members of the Town Council

FROM: Michael Rock, Town Manager 

DATE: May 24, 2012

SUBJECT: **Discussion/Consideration of accepting federal and state funding for the construction of a replacement bridge at Pastori Avenue**

**DISCUSSION**

The Pastori Bridge, owned by Michael Mackintosh as part of the Marin Town and Country Club Property is located at 40 Pastori Ave.

The Town has an opportunity to possibly acquire the Pastori Bridge as a publicly owned bridge for the purposes of replacing the existing bridge, which is structurally deficient by current engineering standards.

Should the Town hold title to the bridge the state and federal governments, through the federal bridge highway program and funded through federal transportation funds would pay 100 percent of the costs to replace the bridge, including architectural and engineering plans, environmental permitting and construction. The Town would not be required to match any dollars for this project.

The Town would need to complete the process of acquiring title before this calendar year ends because the bridge has a structural rating of 54 (highest possible rating of 100) and should be put on the list of bridges to be replaced as soon as the Town would be ready to begin the process. It typically takes five years from the time the bridge is put on the list for replacement until ribbon cutting of a new bridge. Caltrans continues to obligate other bridge projects so the sooner this decision can be made (or not made) the sooner the bridge can be on the list (or not) and the process begin.

**BACKGROUND**

The Pastori Bridge will cost about \$2 million to replace. The bridge structural design will have to meet current engineering standards to receive the federal monies. The aesthetic design can be non-conforming as long as all structural engineering standards are met. Informal discussions have taken place with Michael Mackintosh and he is aware the bridge must be a publicly owned bridge to receive federal monies to replace it.