

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

1. CERTIFICATE NUMBER
(FOR AUDITOR'S USE) **331**
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TO: **CITY ATTORNEY** 2. FROM: (ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT) **CITY PLANNING & COMMUNITY INVESTMENT** 3. DATE **January 14, 2009**

4. SUBJECT: **Planning Project Grants applications to the San Diego Association of Governments for the TransNet Smart Growth Implementation Program funding. (Companion to Agency Item)**

5. PRIMARY CONTACT (NAME, PHONE, MAIL STA.) **Tait Galloway, 533-4550, MS-4A** 6. SECONDARY CONTACT (NAME, PHONE, MAIL STA.) **Samir Hajjiri, 533-6561, MS-4A** 7. CHECK BOX IF REPORT TO COUNCIL IS ATTACHED:

8. COMPLETE FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES

FUND					9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / ESTIMATED COST:
DEPARTMENT					The City could receive up to a total of \$2,000,000 in TransNet SGIP grant funding for planning projects. \$320,000 of in-kind services and \$605,000 of Redevelopment Agency funds are being requested for the grant matching funds for the planning grants. See the companion Redevelopment Agency action for details.
ORGANIZATION					
OBJECT ACCOUNT					
JOB ORDER					
C.I.P. NUMBER.					
AMOUNT					

10. ROUTING AND APPROVALS

ROUTE (#)	APPROVING AUTHORITY	APPROVAL SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED	ROUTE (#)	APPROVING AUTHORITY	APPROVAL SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED	
1	ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	<i>Mary Wright</i> MARY WRIGHT	1-21-09	8	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	<i>William Anderson</i> WILLIAM ANDERSON	1-15-09	
2	DSD/EAS	<i>Maktha Blake</i> MAKTHA BLAKE	1/15/09	9	COO			
3	COUNCIL LIAISON	<i>Ed Plank</i> ED PLANK	1/15/09	10	CITY ATTORNEY	<i>Thomas</i>	1/20/09	
4	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	<i>[Signature]</i>		11	ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	<i>Christine Rothman</i> CHRISTINE ROTHMAN	1-15-09	
5	AUDITOR	<i>[Signature]</i>	1/15/09	✓	DOCKET COORD:	COUNCIL LIAISON:	<i>Ed</i> 1/21/09	
6	EOCP	EXEMPT PER MEMO DATED 11-15-05			COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SPOB	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADOPTION
7					<i>vmh</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO:	COUNCIL DATE:	2-3-09

11. PREPARATION OF: RESOLUTION(S) ORDINANCE(S) AGREEMENT(S) DEED(S)

- 1) Authorizing the Mayor, or his representative, to make applications to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) for a total of \$2,000,000 in TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP) grant funding for six planning projects.
- 2) Authorizing the Comptroller to accept, appropriate and expend funds if grant funding is secured.
- 3) Authorizing the Comptroller to accept, appropriate and expend Redevelopment Agency matching funds if grant funding is secured.
- 4) Authorizing the Mayor, or his representative, to take all necessary actions to secure funding from SANDAG for these planning projects.
- 5) Authorizing the Comptroller to establish a special interest-bearing fund for the grants.

11A. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:
ADOPT THE RESOLUTIONS.

12. SPECIAL CONDITIONS (REFER TO A.R. 3.20 FOR INFORMATION ON COMPLETING THIS SECTION.)

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, & 8

COMMUNITY AREA(S): Linda Vista, Clairemont Mesa, Pacific Beach, City Heights, Normal Heights, Kensington-Tallmadge, Eastern Area, Southeastern San Diego, Encanto Neighborhoods, & San Ysidro

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: This activity is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3).

HOUSING IMPACT: NOT APPLICABLE AT THIS TIME

OTHER ISSUES: NOT APPLICABLE AT THIS TIME

City Clerk Instructions: Please send copies of the resolutions(s) to Tait Galloway, MS 4A and to Robert Chavez, MS 56D

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET

DATE ISSUED: January 28, 2009
 ATTENTION: Honorable President and Members of the City Council
 Honorable Chair and Members of the Redevelopment Agency
 Docket of February 3, 2009
 ORIGINATING DEPT.: City Planning & Community Investment
 SUBJECT: Smart Growth Incentive Program – Planning Project Grant
 Applications
 Council District: 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, & 8
 Staff Contact: City: Tait Galloway, (619) 533-4550 or Samir Hajjiri, (619) 533-
 6551
 Agency: Robert Chavez (619) 236-6263

REQUESTED ACTION:

For the City Council:

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For the Redevelopment Agency:

- 1) Authorizing the Executive Director, or designee, to negotiate and execute any and all documents necessary for the Agency contribution of matching funds for the City's TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP) planning grant applications. The following are three target project areas and the respective matching fund amounts to be transferred to the City upon award of SGIP grant funds: 1) City Heights - \$180,000; 2) Crossroads - \$225,000; and 3) North Bay - \$200,000;
- 2) Authorizing the Comptroller to transfer Agency matching funds to the City if grant funding is secured.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the requested actions.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

SANDAG has established the Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP) to provide TransNet funding for a competitive grant program to fund transportation-related infrastructure improvements and planning activities that will help better coordinate transportation and land use that support smart growth development in the region. For the current grant cycle, the SGIP has \$10 million total, which is split into two grant types: capital projects (\$8 million) and planning projects (\$2 million). The City Planning & Community Investment Department has prepared draft grant applications for six planning project applications requesting a total of \$2 million in

TransNet SGIP funding. Applications with a higher percent of matching funds will be more competitive in the SGIP selection process. The attachment summarizes six proposed SGIP planning project grant applications.

The Engineering & Capital Projects Department and the Southeastern Economic Development Corporation have prepared draft grant applications for capital projects to be submitted under the SGIP capital funding program. Refer to the separate Reports to Council for information concerning the SGIP capital improvement project grant applications.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

For the City: The \$320,000 of in-kind total staff time identified as matching funds is currently budgeted staff time that is part of the City Planning & Community Investment Department's work program.

For the Agency: If all SGIP applications are awarded grant funds, \$805,000 of Agency funds will be utilized as matching funds. Of this total, the proposed action would authorize the use of \$605,000 of Redevelopment Agency funding as matching funds for three of the SGIP planning project grant applications. Specifically, the following are the three target project areas and the respective matching fund amounts to be transferred to the City upon award of SGIP grant funds: 1) City Heights - \$180,000 for the CenterLine Project; 2) Crossroads - \$225,000 for the Chollas Triangle Project; and 3) North Bay - \$200,000 for the Mid-Coast Station Project. These Agency funds would be transferred to the City when and if SGIP grant funds are awarded. For the San Ysidro planning project, \$200,000 of previously approved Redevelopment Agency funding would be used as matching funds.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION:

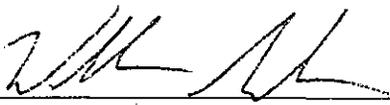
None regarding the SGIP grant funding.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION and PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS:

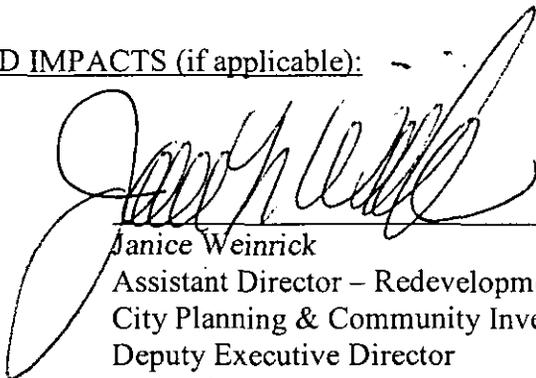
City staff has received feedback from most of the community planning groups and redevelopment project area committees regarding the proposed SGIP planning projects in their communities. As part of the planning project effort, City staff will conduct further outreach efforts and seek community participation.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS and PROJECTED IMPACTS (if applicable):

None.



William Anderson, FAICP
Executive Director
City Planning & Community Investment /
Assistant Executive Director
Redevelopment Agency



Janice Weinrick
Assistant Director - Redevelopment Division
City Planning & Community Investment /
Deputy Executive Director
Redevelopment Agency

Attachment: SGIP Proposed Planning Project Grant Application Summary

SANDAG Smart Growth Incentive Program Description of Proposed Planning Projects

Project Summary Table

	Planning Project	Council District	Community Planning Area	Redevelopment Area	Total Amount	Funding Request	Redev. Match	In-Kind Match
1)	Central Imperial Mobility Study	4	Encanto Neighborhoods	Central Imperial Project Area	\$450k	\$400k	None	\$50k
2)	Imperial - Commercial Mobility Study	8	Southeastern San Diego	Dells Imperial Study Area	\$450k	\$400k	None	\$50k
3)	Mid-Coast South Station Area Plan	6 & 2	Clairemont Mesa, Linda Vista, & Pacific Beach	North Bay Project Area	\$665k	\$400k	\$200k	\$65k
4)	San Ysidro Blvd Mobility Study	8	San Ysidro	San Ysidro Project Area	\$555k	\$300k	\$200k ¹	\$55k
5)	CenterLine BRT Station Area Plan	3	City Heights, Normal Heights, & Kensington - Talmadge	City Heights Project Area	\$450k	\$225k	\$180k	\$45k
6)	Chollas Triangle Mobility Study	7	City Heights & Eastern Area	Crossroads Project Area	\$555k	\$275k	\$225k	\$55k

Notes: ¹ Funding previously approved by the Redevelopment Agency for the San Ysidro Community Plan Update.

1) Central Imperial Mobility Study

The Imperial Avenue Corridor Master Plan identifies potential pedestrian and streetscape improvements. The Master Plan also contains land use recommendations to transform Imperial Avenue corridor as well as Market Street into a transit and pedestrian friendly higher density mixed-use neighborhood village. The City and SEDC are in the process of amending the Southeastern San Diego Community Plan to incorporate the land use recommendations. The Planning effort would also consider recommendations for amending the land uses in areas not addressed by the Master Plan. The Central Imperial area is served by existing high frequency trolley service with a trolley stations at 47th Street and Market Street at Euclid Avenue. The proposed Mobility study would refine the Master Plan recommendations and provide additional guidance for roadway, sidewalk, and streetscape improvements to enhance multimodal mobility and safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, automobile drivers, and transit riders and community character in the within the Central Imperial Redevelopment Area. The mobility study would provide sufficient detail to allow for the implementation of capital improvement projects. The project is located in multiple SANDAG potential smart growth areas within the Central Imperial Redevelopment Area between Euclid Ave,

I-805, Market St, and Imperial Ave. The Master Plan was developed based on extensive input from residents, property and business owners, and decision makers. The mobility study will continue to provide residents, property and business owners, and decision makers with the opportunity to enhance the character of Imperial Avenue.

2) Imperial Ave & Commercial St Mobility Study

The Imperial Ave & Commercial St Mobility Study would provide guidance for roadway, sidewalk, and streetscape improvements to enhance multimodal mobility and safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, automobile drivers, and transit riders. The Plan would identify improvements along both Imperial Ave and Commercial St from I-5 to 32nd Street. Both corridors are located in a SANDAG potential smart growth area and the Dells Imperial Redevelopment Study Area. Commercial St is served by the 25th St and the 32nd St Trolley Stations. Imperial Ave is planned for high frequency bus service. The Mobility Study could be done in conjunction with the update of the Southeastern San Diego Community Plan, which will address amending plan land uses in the community to encourage mixed-use transit oriented development while still preserving existing planned single-family neighborhoods. Together the community plan update and the mobility plan will seek to provide a vision for the future development of Imperial Ave and Commercial St and the surrounding neighborhoods to create a destination for people to live, shop, and work near the transit corridor. The mobility plan would provide sufficient detail to allow for the implementation of capital improvement projects. The Mobility Plan will provide residents, property and business owners, and decision makers with the opportunity to examine and plan for the future character and role of Imperial Ave and Commercial St within the community.

3) Mid-Coast South Station Area Plan

The Mid-Coast South Station Area Plan would seek to provide a vision for the future development of the three programmed trolley stations and the area surrounding them in the Clairemont Mesa, Linda Vista, and Pacific Beach communities to create destinations for people to live, shop, and work near the trolley stations. Two of the station areas are located in SANDAG planned smart growth areas and the other is located in a potential smart growth area. The plan would provide guidance as a focused plan amendment to amend plan land uses in the communities to encourage mixed-use transit oriented development while still preserving existing planned single-family neighborhoods. The Plan will also address enhancing multimodal connectivity and access for pedestrians, bicyclists, automobile drivers, and transit riders, parking management, and streetscape and building design. The Plan will focus within a ¼ mile surrounding proposed trolley stations, and two of the stations are located within the North Bay Redevelopment Project Area. The Plan will provide residents, property and business owners, and decision makers with the opportunity to examine and plan for the future character and role of the planned trolley stations and the surrounding area in the Clairemont Mesa, Linda Vista, Pacific Beach communities.

4) San Ysidro Blvd Mobility Study

The San Ysidro Blvd Mobility Study would focus on the pilot village location and improving connectivity with transit and adjacent neighborhoods, and provide guidance for roadway, sidewalk, and streetscape improvements to enhance multimodal mobility and safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, automobile drivers, and transit riders. The Study area is located in a SANDAG planned smart growth area and the San Ysidro Redevelopment area, and the study is intended to identify improvements along West San Ysidro Blvd from I-805 to Averill Road as well as evaluating the feasibility of relevant projects identified in the recently completed San Ysidro Mobility Study,

Phase I (CalTrans). In addition to the Trolley Station, San Ysidro Blvd is served by an existing high frequency bus service. The Mobility study would be done in conjunction with the update of the San Ysidro Community Plan. The study would address land use, urban design, small lot urban infill, and implementation and phasing issues surrounding the pilot village location and the Beyer St Trolley station. The objective is to encourage mixed-use transit oriented development while still preserving existing neighborhood character. Together the community plan update and the mobility study will provide land use policies and implementation strategies for the future development of San Ysidro Blvd and the surrounding community to create a destination for people to live, shop, and work near the transit corridor. The Mobility Study will provide residents, property and business owners, and decision makers with the opportunity to examine and plan for the future character of Pilot Village and the Beyer St Trolley Station.

5) CenterLine BRT Station Area Planning Study – SR-15 Mid-City

The CenterLine BRT Station Area Planning Study would plan for the future development of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) transfer stations at El Cajon Blvd and SR-15 and University Ave and SR-15 and the surrounding areas of the Mid-City communities to facilitate the development of these areas as destinations for people to live, shop, and work near the BRT stations. The planned BRT stations at El Cajon Boulevard and University Avenue are located in SANDAG-planned Smart Growth Opportunity Areas and the City Heights Redevelopment Area. The stations would serve as the transfer points between the planned El Cajon Boulevard Rapid Bus service and the SR-15 BRT service and the existing University Ave high-frequency local bus service and the SR-15 BRT service. The Station Area Planning Study will bring together the City, the community, and other neighborhood stakeholders to study land use, non-motorized mobility and multi-modal connectivity, urban design, economics, and environmental conditions, in the context of the Mid-City Communities Plan's vision for "urban nodes" at SR-15, in order to facilitate transit-oriented development in the area surrounding the planned CenterLine BRT stations in Mid-City; and to achieve sustainable transit ridership through supportive land uses and urban design. The Planning Study will focus on the El Cajon Boulevard and University Avenue transit corridors between Cherokee Avenue and Van Dyke Avenue, which includes the proposed BRT station sites, as well as the neighborhood between the corridors.

6) Chollas Triangle Mobility Study

The Chollas Triangle Mobility Study will focus on studying community plan land uses in the 36 acre Chollas Triangle to encourage mixed-use transit oriented development supported by park, open space, and creek enhancements. It would also focus on providing guidance for roadway, sidewalk, and streetscape improvements to enhance multimodal mobility and safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, automobile drivers, and transit riders. The study would identify improvements along University Ave, 54th St and Chollas Pkwy which are located in a SANDAG planned smart growth area and the Crossroads Redevelopment Area. University Ave and 54th St are served by an existing high frequency bus service and are planned for Rapid Bus service. The combined land use and mobility planning effort will seek to provide a vision for the future development of the Chollas Triangle and the surrounding neighborhoods to create a destination for people to live, shop, and work near the transit corridor. This planning effort will provide residents, property and business owners, and decision makers with the opportunity to examine and plan for the future character of the Chollas Triangle.

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-_____

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
TO APPLY TO THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF
GOVERNMENT FOR THE TRANSNET SMART GROWTH
IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM FUNDING.

WHEREAS, \$10 million of TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program [SGIP] funds are available to local jurisdiction in Fiscal Year 2009-2010; and

WHEREAS, up to \$2 million of TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program [SGIP] funds are available to local jurisdictions for planning projects; and

WHEREAS, City of San Diego has applied for grant funding for six (6) planning projects under the SGIP funds; and

WHEREAS, the City understands that the TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program funding is fixed at the programmed amount, and therefore any cost increase cannot be expected to be funded through the SGIP program; and

WHEREAS, the City understands that the TransNet funding through the SGIP program shall not be used to replace other private developer funding that has been or will be committed for any project; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego that the Mayor, or his designee, is authorized and empowered to make applications to the San Diego Association of Governments [SANDAG] for a total of \$2,000,000 in TransNet Smart Growth Implementation Program [SGIP] grant funding for six planning projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Comptroller is authorized to accept, appropriate and expend funds if grant funding is secured.

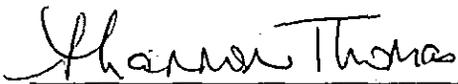
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Comptroller is authorized to establish a special interest-bearing fund for the grants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this activity is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA] pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By 
Shannon Thomas
Deputy City Attorney

ST:sc
01/16/09
Aud.Cert.: N/A
Or.Dept:Planning
R-2009-791

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of _____.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By _____
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor