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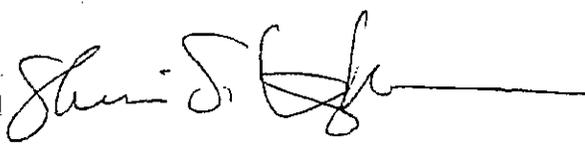


THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 26, 2009

TO: Elizabeth Maland, City Clerk
Keely Halsey, Director, Legislative Affairs

FROM: Sherri S. Lightner, Councilmember, District 1 

SUBJECT: Item-102 on the City Council Docket for March 30, 2009: Application to the California Department of Transportation for Transportation Planning Grant Funding

During the City Council meeting on March 30, 2009, I will make a motion to amend resolution R-2009-963, which authorizes the Mayor, or designee, for and on behalf of the City to make an application to the California Department of Transportation for Transportation Planning Grant Funding for five transportation Projects.

My motion will be to add an additional application, to include the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) as a sub recipient, for a UCSD bicycle / pedestrian master plan.

Please include this memorandum in the back-up material for Item-102 that you make available to the public.

SL/jm

cc: Tait Galloway, Senior Planner, City Planning & Community Investment
Samir Hajjiri, Senior Traffic Engineer, City Planning & Community Investment
Shannon Thomas, Deputy City Attorney

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REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

1. CERTIFICATE NUMBER
(FOR AUDITOR'S USE ONLY)

102
03/30

TO: CITY ATTORNEY

2. FROM: (ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT)
CITY PLANNING & COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

3. DATE
March 12, 2009

4. SUBJECT:
Planning Project Grant applications to the California Department of Transportation for the Transportation Planning funding.

5. PRIMARY CONTACT (NAME, PHONE, MAIL STA.)
Tait Galloway, 533-4550, MS-4A

6. SECONDARY CONTACT (NAME, PHONE, MAIL STA.)
Samir Hajjiri, 533-6551, MS-4A

7. CHECK BOX IF REPORT TO COUNCIL IS
ATTACHED:

8. COMPLETE FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES

FUND	038978
DEPARTMENT	30244
ORGANIZATION	107
OBJECT ACCOUNT	4279
JOB ORDER	
C.I.P. NUMBER	52-274.0
AMOUNT	\$25,000

9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / ESTIMATED COST:
The City could receive up to a total of \$1,150,000 in state grant funding for transportation planning projects. Local match would consist of a total of \$95,000 of budgeted in-kind total staff time. The Western Gateway project would use \$25,000 from the Balboa Avenue Corridor Improvement Fund (CIP 52-274.0) The Linda Vista Pedestrian Access Study would use \$7,500 donated to the City by the Bayside Community Center.

10. ROUTING AND APPROVALS

ROUTE (#)	APPROVING AUTHORITY	APPROVAL SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED	ROUTE (#)	APPROVING AUTHORITY	APPROVAL SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED
1	ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	MARY WRIGHT	3-12-09	8	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	WILLIAM ANDERSON	3-12-09
2	DSD/EAS	MARTHA BLAKE	3-13-09	9	COO		
3	COUNCIL LIAISON	ED PLANK	3-13-09	10	CITY ATTORNEY	William Thomas	3/17/09
4	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT		3/16/09	11	ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Christine Rothman	3-12-09
5	AUDITOR		3/17/09	V	DOCKET COORD: COUNCIL LIAISON: Ed 3/16/09		
6	EOCP	EXEMPT PER MEMO DATED 11-15-05			COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SPOB <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/> ADOPTION	
7	E&CP		3/17/09		COUNCIL DATE: 3-30-09		

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

- 1) Authorizing the Mayor, or his representative, to make applications to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for a total of \$1,150,000 in Transportation Planning grant funding for five transportation planning projects;
- 2) Authorizing the Comptroller to accept, appropriate and expend funds if grant funding is secured;
- 3) Authorizing the Comptroller to expend matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 from C.I.P #52-274.0 Balboa Ave. Corridor Improvements if grant funding is secured;
- 4) Authorizing the Comptroller to accept, appropriate and expend \$7,500 of privately donated funds from the Bayside Community Center if the grant funding is secured;
- 5) Authorizing the Mayor, or his representative, to take all necessary actions to secure funding from Caltrans for these transportation planning projects;
- 6) Authorizing the Comptroller to establish special interest-bearing funds for the grants and donation.

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, & 8

COMMUNITY AREA(S): Linda Vista, Clairemont Mesa, Mission Valley, Pacific Beach, Greater Golden Hill, Greater North Park, Southeastern San Diego,

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 to Tait Galloway, MS 4A and Samir Hajjiri, MS 4A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET

DATE ISSUED: March 12, 2009
 ATTENTION: Honorable President and Members of the City Council
 Docket of March 30, 2009
 ORIGINATING DEPT.: City Planning & Community Investment
 SUBJECT: California Department of Transportation – Transportation Planning
 Grant Applications
 Council District: 2, 3, 4, 6, & 8
 Staff Contact: Tait Galloway, (619) 533-4550 or Samir Hajjiri, (619) 533-6551

REQUESTED ACTION:

- 1) Authorizing the Mayor, or his representative, to make applications to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for a total of \$1,150,000 in Transportation Planning grant funding for five transportation planning projects;
- 2) Authorizing the Comptroller to accept, appropriate and expend funds if grant funding is secured;
- 3) Authorizing the Comptroller to expend matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 from C.I.P #52-274.0 Balboa Ave. Corridor Improvement if grant funding is secured;
- 4) Authorizing the Comptroller to accept, appropriate and expend \$7,500 of privately donated funds from the Bayside Community Center if the grant funding is secured;
- 5) Authorizing the Mayor, or his representative, to take all necessary actions to secure funding from Caltrans for these transportation planning projects;
- 6) Authorizing the Comptroller to establish special interest-bearing funds for the grants and donation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the requested actions.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has established the California Transportation Planning Grant Program which includes the Community Based grants and Environmental Justice grants to provide state funding for a competitive grant program to fund transportation-related planning activities that will help to engage the community in the planning process in efforts to better coordinate transportation and land use, improve mobility, access, and economic vitality. Caltrans allows the City to submit applications as the sole recipient or with community based organizations or groups as sub recipients to the City. The City Planning & Community Investment Department has prepared draft grant applications for five transportation planning project applications requesting a total of \$1.15 million in state funding. Three of the applications are with community sub recipients.

The City received seven requests from six community based organizations/groups. After careful consideration of all the received requests, City staff selected three requests to include as sub recipients. In addition to the selected community request, City staff also identified two other transportation planning projects to submit for the grant funding. The projects were selected based on their ability to meet the intent of the grants as well as the project location in relationship to pedestrian and transit activities for improving the opportunities for multimodal mobility and alignment with City and regional planning projects for efficient use of City staff resources. The

deadline for submitting the grant applications to Caltrans is April 1, 2009. The attachment summarizes the following five proposed Caltrans transportation planning project grant applications (with sub recipients):

- Western Gateway Balboa Avenue Concept and Feasibility Study – Community Based (Balboa Avenue Citizens Advisory Committee);
- Linda Vista Pedestrian Access Study – Environmental Justice (Bayside Community Center);
- Central Mission Valley Mobility Study – Community Based (Mission Valley Community Planning Group);
- 30th Street Corridor Mobility Study – Community Based; and
- National Avenue Master Plan – Environmental Justice;

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

For all five grant proposals, the total in-kind total staff time match is \$95,000 which will be absorbed into the City Planning & Community Investment Department's fiscal year 2010 budget. In addition to the in-kind staff time, the Western Gateway Concept and Feasibility Study would use \$25,000 from the Balboa Avenue Corridor Improvement Fund (CIP 52-274.0), and the Bayside Community Center Linda would donate \$7,500 to the City for the Vista Road Mobility Study for local match funds if awarded. The Central Mission Valley Mobility Study, 30th Street Corridor project, and the National Avenue Master Plan would not require additional funding for the local matches, but rather use and build upon the planning work currently underway for the San Diego River Park Master Plan, Greater Golden Hill and Greater North Park community plan update, and the Gateway Center West redevelopment plan amendment, respectively

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION:

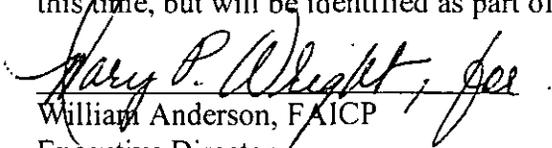
None.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION and PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS:

Caltrans notified the chairperson for the community planning groups and other community organizations and directed the interested groups and organizations to contact the City. As a key part of the planning project effort, City staff will conduct further outreach efforts and seek community participation.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS and PROJECTED IMPACTS (if applicable):

Bayside Community Center (Linda Vista); Linda Vista Community Planning Group; Mission Valley Community Planning Group; Balboa Avenue Citizens Advisory Committee; Greater Golden Hill Community Planning Group; Greater North Park Community Planning Group; Southeastern San Diego Community Planning Group. Potential impacts are unknown at this time, but will be identified as part of the planning process for the grant projects.


 William Anderson, FAICP
 Executive Director
 City Planning & Community Investment

Attachment: Summary of the Proposed Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant Projects

City of San Diego
CALTRANS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANTS Mar. 2009
Proposed Transportation Planning Grant Projects

Project	Type	Description	Funding Request	Local Match	
				In-Kind Time	Local Funds
1) Balboa Ave Western Gateway Concept & Feasibility Study	CB	Sub-Recipient - Balboa Avenue Citizens Advisory Committee. The purpose of this grant application is to develop a concepts and to study the feasibility of the concepts for a segment of the Balboa Avenue Revitalization Action Program (RAP), identified as the Western Gateway. The Western Gateway is the area where Balboa Ave intersects with I-5, in which a high number of traffic accidents occur as drivers, pedestrians and especially cyclists, experience difficulties navigating through the on and off ramps given the high speeds, lack of sidewalks, lack of bicycle lanes, etc. This segment also includes the site of the future light rail transit station as part of the Trolley's Mid-Coast Extension. The study would provide recommendations based on community involvement to enhance multimodal mobility and safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, automobile drivers, and transit riders along Balboa Avenue and to the planned Trolley Station. For the local match, the study will use \$25,000 from the Balboa Avenue Corridor Improvement Fund (CIP 52-274.0).	\$ 250,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
2) Linda Vista Pedestrian Access Study	EJ	Sub Recipient - Bayside Community Center. The purpose of this grant project is to develop a pedestrian access study based on community involvement to enhance multimodal mobility and safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, automobile drivers, and transit riders in the Linda Vista community. The Bayside Community Center Linda will donate \$7,500 to the City for the Pedestrian Access Study to use for the local match funds if the grant is awarded.	\$ 150,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
3) Mission Valley Central Mobility Study	CB	Sub Recipient - Mission Valley Community Planning Group. The purpose of this grant project is to develop a Mobility Study for the central area of the Mission Valley community (between SR-163, I-805, north & south community boundaries). The Mobility Study will focus on providing recommendations based on community involvement to improve multimodal access within this area community for residents, workers, and visitors. The major objectives of the study will be to work with the community to develop recommendations for: improving pedestrian and bicycle access to the existing Trolley Stations; establishing north - south pedestrian and bicycle routes to link land use separated by I-8, San Diego River, and Friars Road; and improving access and utilization of the planned and existing west - east pedestrian and bicycle routes along the San Diego River. The Mobility Study will not require additional funding for the local matches, but rather use and build upon the planning and outreach effort being done as part of the San Diego River Park Master Plan.	\$ 250,000	\$ 25,000	see text

Project	Type	Description	Funding Request	Local Match	
				In-Kind Time	Local Funds
4) 30th Street Corridor Mobility Study	CB	The 30th Street Mobility Study would provide guidance based on community involvement for roadway, sidewalk, and streetscape improvements to enhance multimodal mobility and safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, automobile drivers, and transit riders. The mobility plan would identify improvements along 30th Street from SR-94 to Adams Ave. The Mobility Study will not require additional funding for the local matches, but rather use and build upon the planning and outreach effort being done as part of the community plan updates for Greater Golden Hill and Greater North Park.	\$ 250,000	\$ 25,000	see text
5) National Avenue Master Plan	EJ	The National Avenue Master Plan would provide guidance for roadway, sidewalk, and streetscape improvements to enhance multimodal mobility and safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, automobile drivers, and transit riders, and would also include land use and urban design recommendations along National Avenue from I-5 to 43rd Street. The Master Plan would not require additional funding for the local matches, but rather use and build upon the community outreach effort work that will be done as part of the Gateway West Redevelopment Plan Amendment for the portion of National Avenue west of State Route 15.	\$ 250,000	\$ 12,500	see text
TOTALS			\$ 1,150,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 32,500

Notes: EJ: Environmental Justice
 CB: Community Based

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-_____

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATIONS TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRNSPORTATION FOR \$1,150,000 IN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT FUNDS FOR FIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING THE COMPTROLLER TO ACCEPT, APPROPRIATE AND EXPEND FUNDS IF GRANT FUNDING IS SECURED; AUTHORIZING THE COMPTROLLER TO EXPEND MATCHING FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000 FROM CIP NO. 52-274.0 IF GRANT FUNDING IS SECURED; AUTHORIZING THE COMPTROLLER TO ACCEPT, APPROPRIATE AND EXPEND \$7,500 OF PRIVATELY DONATED FUNDS FROM THE BAYSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER IF THE GRANT FUNDS ARE SECURED; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO SECURE FUNDING FROM CALTRANS; AND AUTHORIZING THE COMPTROLLER TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL INTEREST-BEARING FUND FOR THE GRANTS AND DONATION.

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation [Caltrans] has established the California Transportation Planning Program which includes the Community Based Transportation Planning and Environmental Justice grants to provide state funding for a competitive grant program to fund transportation-related planning activities that will help to engage the community in the planning process; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grant program is to engage the community in efforts to better coordinate transportation and land use, improve mobility, access, and economic vitality; and

WEHREAS, Caltrans allows the City to submit applications as the sole recipient or with community based organizations or groups as sub-recipients to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City received seven requests from six community based organizations/ groups. After careful consideration, City staff selected three requests to include as sub-recipients; and

WHEREAS, the five proposed Caltrans transportation planning project grant applications (with community sub-recipients) are as follows:

1. Western Gateway Balboa Avenue Concept and Feasibility Study – Community Based (Balboa Avenue Citizens Advisory Committee);
2. Linda Vista Pedestrian Access Study –Environmental Justice (Bayside Community Center);
3. Central Mission Valley Mobility Study – Community Based (Mission Valley Community Planning Group);
4. 30th Street Corridor Mobility Study – Community Based; and
5. National Avenue Master Plan – Environmental Justice.

WHEREAS, the City Planning & Community Investment Department has prepared draft grant applications for five transportation planning project applications requesting a total of \$1.15 million in state funding; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for submitting the grant applications to Caltrans is April 1, 2009; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that the Mayor, or designee, is authorized and empowered for and on behalf of the City to make an application to the California Department of Transportation for a total of \$1,150,000 in Transportation Planning grant funding for the five transportation projects [Projects].

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, or designee, is authorized and empowered to take all necessary actions to secure funds from Caltrans for the Projects.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Comptroller is authorized to expend matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 from CIP No. 52-274.0, Balboa Avenue corridor Improvement Fund, if grant funding is secured.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Comptroller is authorized to accept, appropriate and expend funds in the amount of \$7,500 of privately donated funds from the Bayside Community Center if the grant funding is secured.

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

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

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By Shannon Thomas
Shannon Thomas
Deputy City Attorney

ST:pev
03/16/09
Or.Dept:CPCI
R-2009-963
MMS #8207
Aud.Cert:2900663

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