



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Redevelopment Agency's Report

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REPORT NO.: RA-06-42
RTC-06-119

ATTENTION: Honorable Chair and Members of the Redevelopment Agency
Council President and Members of the City Council
Docket of October 17, 2006

SUBJECT: Safe Routes to School – City Heights Redevelopment Project Area

REFERENCE: Report No. 05-215

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

- 1) Should the Redevelopment Agency and the City Council make the necessary findings that the contribution of up to \$100,000 from the City Heights Redevelopment Project Area to the San Diego Unified School District for public improvements at Mary Lanyon Fay Elementary School for the Safe Routes to School Project is necessary and of benefit to the City Heights Redevelopment Project Area?
- 2) Should the Redevelopment Agency enter into an Agreement with the San Diego Unified School District for public improvements at Mary Lanyon Fay Elementary School for the Safe Routes to School?
- 3) Should the Redevelopment Agency authorize the expenditure of up to \$100,000 in FY 2007 City Heights Redevelopment Project Area tax increment funds for the Safe Routes to School Project?

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

- 1) Make the necessary findings that the contribution of up to \$100,000 from the City Heights Redevelopment Project Area to the San Diego Unified School District for public improvements at Mary Lanyon Fay Elementary School for the Safe Routes to School Project is necessary and of benefit to the City Heights Redevelopment Project Area.
- 2) Enter into an Agreement with the San Diego Unified School District for public improvements at Mary Lanyon Fay Elementary School for the Safe Routes to School.
- 3) Authorize the expenditure of up to \$100,000 in FY 2007 City Heights Redevelopment Project Area tax increment funds and transfer of funds to the San Diego Unified School District for Safe Routes to School Project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

- 1) Make the necessary findings that the contribution of up to \$100,000 from the City Heights Redevelopment Project Area to the San Diego Unified School District for public improvements at Mary Lanyon Fay Elementary School for the Safe Routes to School Project is necessary and of benefit to the City Heights Redevelopment Project Area.

SUMMARY:

The Safe Routes to School Program (Program) allows agencies to identify public improvement and traffic control techniques to mitigate and improve safety conditions at specific locations based on accident history and a comprehensive traffic engineering evaluation. The main objectives of the Program are to reduce injuries and fatalities to school children and to encourage walking and bicycling among students. The Program achieves this by constructing facilities that enhance the safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The City's School Pedestrian Safety Guidelines consolidate federal and state standards for traffic signing and markings within school zones. These Guidelines have been developed in close coordination with all school districts within the City of San Diego, and in close cooperation with the San Diego Police Department, San Diego City Schools Police and Children's Hospital.

It is the City's responsibility to provide and maintain traffic control devices and improvements on the public right-of-way for the safety of school children. The San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) is responsible for providing public improvements that meet federal and state standards when a new school is built or an existing school is remodeled. Public improvements require substantial funding and, in order to provide a higher level of safety improvements, additional sources of funding other than the City and SDUSD must be identified.

Mary Lanyon Fay Elementary School, located at 4080 52nd Street is scheduled to open in September, 2007. SDUSD proposes to install curb extensions to reduce traffic speed and enhanced sidewalks at the intersection of 52nd Street and Otilie Place (Project), to help increase safety for children crossing the intersection nearest the school's drop off/pick up location. The SDUSD estimates the administration and capital costs of the Project at \$200,000; however, SDUSD currently does not have sufficient funds available for this Project. Since the proposed Project is within the boundaries of the City Heights Redevelopment Project Area, and is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Redevelopment Plan and Implementation Plan, redevelopment funds have been identified as a potential source to partially offset the total cost.

FISCAL CONSIDERATION:

This action proposes to expend up to \$100,000 in budgeted FY 2007 City Heights Redevelopment Project Area tax increment funds for public improvements at Mary Lanyon Fay Elementary School for the Safe Routes to School Project. There is no impact to the City's General Fund.

PREVIOUS AGENCY and/or COUNCIL ACTION:

None

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION & PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS:

The City Heights Redevelopment Project Area Committee recommended approval of the expenditure of up to \$100,000 of FY 2007 City Heights Redevelopment Project Area tax increment funds at their July 10, 2006 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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