



## THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

DATE ISSUED: April 28, 2010 REPORT NO. RA-10-16  
RTC-10-36

ATTENTION: Honorable Chair and Members of the Redevelopment Agency,  
Council President and City Council,  
Docket of May 4, 2010

SUBJECT: Funding for the Installation of Traffic Signals on College Avenue at Arosa  
Street and Adams Avenue within Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area

REFERENCE: Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee Report, for March  
10, 2010

### REQUESTED REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ACTIONS:

1. Make necessary findings to authorize the use of Redevelopment Agency funds so that the City will install two traffic signals along College Avenue at the intersections of Arosa Street and Adams Avenue within the Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area; and
2. Authorize the City's Chief Financial Officer to transfer Redevelopment Agency funds up to \$450,000 from City Fund 200357, Crossroads Redevelopment CIP Contributions, into City CIP A-IL.00004, Traffic Signals - Citywide; and
3. Pursuant to Section 1.103-8(a)(5) and Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations set forth in Title 26 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the Redevelopment Agency declares its official intent to reimburse itself with proceeds of a future borrowing for certain expenditures undertaken for the installation of two traffic signals along College Avenue at the intersections of Arosa Street and Adams Avenue.

### REQUESTED CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS:

1. Make necessary findings to accept Redevelopment Agency funds into City Fund 200357, Crossroads Redevelopment CIP Contribution, for the installation of two traffic signals along College Avenue at the intersections of Arosa Street and Adams Avenue into City CIP A-IL.00004, Traffic Signals - Citywide within the Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area; and



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2. Authorize the Chief Financial Officer to accept Redevelopment Agency funds up to \$450,000 into CIP A-IL-00004, Traffic Signals - Citywide, City Fund 200357, Crossroads Redevelopment CIP Contributions; and
3. Authorize a \$450,000 increase in the Fiscal Year 2010 Capital Improvements Program Budget for CIP A-IL.00004, Traffic Signals - Citywide, City Fund 200357, Crossroads Redevelopment CIP Contributions; and
4. Authorize the Chief Financial Officer to appropriate and expend up to \$450,000 from CIP A-IL.00004, Traffic Signals – Citywide, City Fund 200357, Crossroads Redevelopment CIP Contributions for the purpose of installing two traffic signals along College Avenue at the intersection of Arosa Street & Adams Avenue.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

Make the necessary findings and approve the resolutions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL:

Make the necessary findings and approve the resolutions.

SUMMARY:

The requested actions will allow for the installation of two traffic signals along College Avenue at the intersections of Arosa Street and Adams Avenue (see Attachment No. 1) within the Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area and College Area Community Plan. The new traffic signals will enhance pedestrian and vehicular mobility, will expand non-vehicular transportation facilities and alternatives, and augment infrastructure facilities, which will improve the community and support public safety, health, and local vitality. The project will enable a more, walkable environment for College Area residents, property owners, merchants and visitors.

In 2001, the Engineering and Capital Projects Department (“Engineering”) determined that the intersection of College Avenue and Arosa Street met the California Department of Transportation criteria for signalization. Subsequently, \$25,000 was secured for design of the traffic signal. Design was completed 2008, however at that time no funding was available for installation.

In 2009, at the request of several community organizations, Engineering evaluated the intersection of College Avenue and Adams Avenue for signalization. Engineering determined that this location met the criteria based on engineering requirements.



Note that these traffic signals are not intended to act as traffic calming devices. These proposed traffic signals would provide access control for both pedestrians and vehicles. At Arosa Street, in particular, the next existing controlled crossing for pedestrians along College Avenue is a significant distance away and does not adequately serve the needs of the surrounding community institutions or residents of El Cerrito neighborhood.

After several community meetings, the community has proposed that both proposed traffic signals be constructed simultaneously and be interconnected to avoid possible problems with cut-through traffic which may occur if only the Arosa Street traffic signal were installed.

This project is consistent with the Second Five-Year Implementation Plan for the Crossroads Redevelopment Project, which is recorded with the Redevelopment Agency as Document No. D-04266 and dated May 13, 2008. The project addresses the specific goals and objectives of the Second Implementation Plan, which states "Improve the flow of traffic, relieve congestion on commercial and residential streets located within the Project Area and otherwise enhance the quality of pedestrian and vehicular mobility, and improve transportation facilities, which support the vitality, safety and viability of the Project Area," and "Begin and continue to work with City Departments to address infrastructure and park deficiencies".

The project will eliminate and prevent the spread of blight and deterioration, by improving the infrastructure and transportation facilities which are located in the Project Area and the project is in accordance with the Crossroads Redevelopment Plan, Crossroads Second Five-Year Implementation Plan, General Plan, College Area Community Plan, and local codes and ordinances.

Pursuant to California Community Redevelopment Law (CCRL) Section 33445, the Redevelopment Agency is legally authorized to pay for the installation of public improvements if special findings can be made by the Redevelopment Agency (see Attachment No. 2, Special Findings).

#### FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The total estimated project cost is \$475,000. Of this amount, \$25,000 has already been funded and expended. The remaining \$450,000 allocation is what is being requested by the Redevelopment Agency through this action. The annual maintenance and electrical costs for two traffic signals is \$3,000. The general fund will assume this annual cost because the traffic signals are consistent with City standards.

The Redevelopment Agency is also being asked to consider an intent to reimburse resolution which acknowledges the possibility of the Redevelopment Agency using future bond proceeds to pay for, or reimburse itself for, the expenditures for the project in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.

This project expenditure was not taken into account when determining the Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area's ability to fund its CDBG repayment to the City nor its estimated portion of the State's ERAF Take payment. However, further financial analysis has been conducted with this project in mind, and the Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area has the ability to fund its CDBG repayment to the City and its estimated portion of the State's ERAF Take payment at such time it becomes legally obligated to do so.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This activity is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (new construction).

PREVIOUS AGENCY and/or CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS:

This project implements the goals and recommendations of the College Area Community Plan, Crossroads Redevelopment Plan and Crossroads Second Five-Year Implementation Plan, and the City's General Plan.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS:

On December 17, 2009 the El Cerrito Community Council requested that the City to install traffic signals at the intersection of Arosa Street and College Avenue and also at Adams Avenue and College Avenue. On January 13, 2010 the College Area Community Planning Board ("CACPB") recommended that the City install traffic signals at College Avenue & Adams Avenue and College Avenue & Arosa Street with the condition that both signals are installed simultaneously and that traffic impacts on Soria Drive be evaluated by engineering six months after the installation. On January 20, 2010, the College Area Business Improvement District recommended that the Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area Committee support the funding required for the installation of two traffic signals per the CACPB recommendation. On January 28, 2010, the Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area Committee discussed this project and voted 8-3-1 to recommend the Agency fund up to \$400,000 for this project with Crossroads Redevelopment Project tax increment funds. On February 25, 2010, the Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area Committee voted 5-1-1 to recommend the Agency provide an additional \$50,000 for the project, for a total not to exceed amount of \$450,000.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS & PROJECTED IMPACTS:

Members of College Area community institutions; Beth Jacob Synagogue, College Avenue Older Adult Center, Bethel Seminary, and College Avenue Baptist Church along with residents of Soria Drive and the El Cerrito neighborhood, College Area Business Improvement District and business owners, property owners and merchants along College Avenue and El Cajon Boulevard.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

1. College Avenue Traffic Signals (Location Map)
2. Special Findings (Health & Safety Code § 33445) "Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area and College Avenue Traffic Signals Installation"