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REPORT NO. 01-084

ATTENTION: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Docket of May 15, 2001

SUBJECT: Application for Fiscal Year 2002 Transportation Development Act (TDA)
and TransNet Funding for Bicycle Projects

SUMMARY

Issue - Should the City apply to SANDAG for grant funding for eleven Bicycle Projects?

Manager's Recommendation - Authorize the grant applications.

Other Recommendation - None

Fiscal Impact - The total cost of the proposed projects is \$3,116,500. Up to \$3.2 million is expected to be available regionally for Fiscal Year 2002.

BACKGROUND

Every year, SANDAG Board of Directors allocates funds under the Transportation Development Act (TDA) and the TransNet local sales tax program for non-motorized transportation projects in San Diego region. TransNet funds come from the county-wide one-half cent sales tax, \$1 million of which is allocated for bikeway projects annually. TDA funds come from the state-wide sales tax, 2 % of which is allocated for bikeway and pedestrian projects. Eligible projects include bicycle and pedestrian facilities, secure bicycle parking, and bicycle safety education programs. Attachment 1 is a list of projects that received TDA/TransNet funds in the last four years.

DISCUSSION

The funding applications to SANDAG for Fiscal Year 2002 TDA/TransNet are for eleven bicycle projects. Three of these projects are for the design of new bicycle paths, four for design and construction of new bicycle facilities, two for feasibility studies of bicycle facilities, one for a bicycle safety education program, and one for miscellaneous bicycle facility improvements. Bicycle paths are Class I bicycle facilities that are provided for the exclusive use of bicyclists and pedestrians. The eleven projects applied for are summarized below:

1. OCEAN BEACH/HOTEL CIRCLE BIKE PATH DESIGN (MISSION VALLEY, DISTRICTS 6)

This is a request for \$150,000 for the design of the Ocean Beach/Hotel Circle Bike Path. Another \$150,000 obtained by District 6 is already available for the design of this project. The Ocean Beach/Hotel Circle Bike Path is a Class I bike path that will connect the existing Ocean Beach Bike Path at its easterly terminus at Pacific Highway to Hotel Circle North. A feasibility study for this bike facility is underway.

2. CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH BIKE LANES (MISSION VALLEY, DISTRICT 6)

This is a claim for \$300,000 for the design and construction of Class II bike lanes along Camino Del Rio North between the SR-15 crossing and Mission City Parkway. Camino Del Rio North has bike lanes along its entire length with exception of this segment. There is also \$100,000 available from District 6 to complete this project.

3. TIERRASANTA BIKE PATH DESIGN (TIERRASANTA & NAVAJO, DISTRICT 7)

This is a \$410,000 claim for the design of the Tierrasanta Bike Path. The Tierrasanta Bike Path will provide for a direct connection between the communities of Navajo and Tierrasanta and other communities to the north of Navajo by connecting the west end of Tierrasanta Boulevard to Princess View Drive. A feasibility study has been completed for this project.

4. FRIARS ROAD BIKE PATH IMPROVEMENT DESIGN (MISSION BAY PARK & MISSION VALLEY, DISTRICTS 2 & 6)

This is \$230,000 that will provide for the design of improvements to the existing Friars Road Bike Path between Sea World Drive and Via Las Cumbres. The existing Friars Road Bike Path is located between an asphaltic concrete (AC) berm on the Friars Road side and a sidewalk on other side. This project will fill in this bike path to create one continuous path that includes the existing AC berm and sidewalk.

5. MISSION TRAILS BIKE PATH STUDY (NAVAJO & TIERRASANTA, DISTRICT 7)

This is a \$50,000 feasibility study of a new bikeway to extend between Mission Gorge Road at Zion Avenue and Mission Gorge Road at Princess View Drive, along the San Diego River. This is a part of the larger San Diego River Path planned to ultimately connect the beaches to Mission Trails Regional Park.

6. SAN PASQUAL ROAD BIKEWAY STUDY (SAN PASQUAL, DISTRICT 5)

This is an application for \$50,000 to conduct a feasibility study to devise alternatives for a bikeway along San Pasqual Road between San Pasqual Valley Road (SR-78) to the north and Ryan Drive to the south. San Pasqual Road is a main route for both vehicular as well as bicycle traffic, utilized to reach some residential areas and the Wild Animal Park. However, it has very narrow widths and substandard horizontal and vertical alignment design, which present a challenge for bicyclists traveling this road.

7. HOME AVENUE/C STREET BICYCLE PATH (MOUNT HOPE, DISTRICT 4)

\$62,000 is requested to design and construct a bicycle path that will connect Home Avenue at SR-94 to 'C' Street (west of Quail Street), connecting the communities north and south of SR-94.

8. VISTA SORRENTO PARKWAY BIKE LANES (TORREY PINES & MIRA MESA, DISTRICTS 1 & 5)

This is a request for \$207,500 for the design and construction of Class II bike lanes along Vista Sorrento parkway between Sorrento Valley Boulevard and Lusk Boulevard. Bike lanes are missing along this segment of Vista Sorrento Parkway. A developer has agreed to contribute another \$207,500 to complete this project.

9. BICYCLE SAFETY AND COMMUTING EDUCATION PROGRAM (CITY-WIDE)

A \$150,000 is needed to continue the existing Bicycle Safety and Commuting Education Program for another year. This program reaches out to school children, teachers, parents, law enforcement personnel and others through school work shops and hands-on training.

10. FUNDING FOR MISCELLANEOUS BIKEWAY IMPROVEMENTS (CITY-WIDE)

This is a \$7,000 claim to be matched by the City. This money will be used to perform work to bicycle facilities that is beyond simple maintenance such as loop detector replacement and relocation, fencing work, gateway signs for bike paths, bicycle push buttons, etc.

11. STATE ROUTE 56/CAMINO RUIZ GRADE-SEPARATED BICYCLE PATH
(TORREY HIGHLANDS, DISTRICT 1)

\$1,500,000 for the design and construction of a grade-separated bike path to provide bicyclists traversing the future SR-56 Bike Path a direct connection through the SR-56/Camino Ruiz Interchange.

Projects for Future Funding

The following is a partial list of project for which funding may be pursued in future years:

Coastal Rail Trail: a class I bike path between the City of San Diego/City of Del Mar City Limit and Downtown San Diego.

Several bridges to provide grade-separation from City Street for the existing San Diego River Bike Path in Mission Valley.

Extension of the existing San Diego River Bike Path in Mission Valley easterly to the San Diego/Santee City Limit.

ALTERNATIVE

Do not authorize applications for Fiscal Year 2002 TDA/TransNet funds. This is not recommended because funding is available for these projects, which would improve flow of bicycles in the City.

Respectfully submitted, D. Cruz Gonzalez Director, Transportation Department		Approved: George I. Loveland
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Attachment: Bikeway Projects

**BIKEWAY PROJECTS
FUNDED IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS**

PROJECT	AMOUNT	COMMUNITY	COUNCIL DISTRICT
Rose Creek Bike Path	\$1,000,000	Mission Bay Park and Pacific Beach	2 & 6
Friars Road at Pacific Highway Connector	198,000	Linda Vista	6
Qualcomm Stadium/Zion Avenue Bikeway Study	50,000	Mission Valley & Navajo	6 & 7
SR-56 Bike Path	1,200,000	Rancho Penasquitos	1
City of San Diego Bicycle Master Plan	100,000	City Wide	--
Sorrento Valley Road at Sorrento Valley Boulevard Coastal Rail Trail Crossing Feasibility Study	40,000	Torrey Pines	1
Ocean Beach - Mission Valley Bike Path Connection (Pacific Highway to Hotel Circle Place) Feasibility Study	35,000	Mission Valley	6
Camino De La Reina (Avenida Del Rio to Camino De La Siesta) Bike Path	37,000	Mission Valley	6
Camino Santa Fe (Calle Cristobal to Lopez Canyon) Bike Lanes	177,000	Mira Mesa	5
Fay Avenue (Nautilus Street to Camino De La Costa) Bike Path	133,000	La Jolla	1
Carmel Valley Road (Sorrento Valley Road to McGonigle Road) Bike path	345,000	Torrey Pines	1
SR-15 (Camino Del Rio South to Landis Street) Bike Path	275,000	Mid-City	3
San Diego River Bike Path III (Qualcomm Way to Qualcomm Stadium) Feasibility Study	50,000	Mission Valley	6
Via De La Valle (San Andreas Way to El Camino Real) Bike Lanes	305,000	Via De La Valle	1