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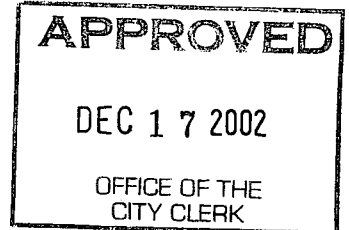
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November 25, 2002



City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A COMMUNITY BASED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION TO CALTRANS FOR THE SWANSTON STATION INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND URBAN DESIGN PLAN**

**LOCATION/COUNCIL DISTRICT:** The area around the Swanston Light Rail Station, Districts 2 and 3 (see map – Attachment A).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This report recommends that the City Council approve the attached resolution to approve submission of a Community Based Transportation Planning grant for the Swanston Station Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Urban Design Plan.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Theresa Arnold, Grant Funding Manager, 264-5514  
Margaret Ide, Redevelopment Planner, 440-1399 x1239

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** December 17, 2002

**SUMMARY:**

Caltrans has issued a request for planning grant applications. Staff recommends that a Community Based Transportation Planning Grant be submitted for the Swanston Station Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Urban Design Plan.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION:** None.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Caltrans has issued a request for planning grant applications. There is approximately \$8.5 million available on a competitive basis statewide in various programs. The grants are for project planning work only. These grants provide funding support for conducting public and intermodal transportation planning studies, demonstration projects for environmental justice in planning, and transportation/land use planning projects that support livable communities.

Public Works notified the Area Managers, Planning Department, Economic Development Department and the Redevelopment Agency of the availability of these grants. Due to the limited time to submit applications, staff is proposing one project that best meets the criteria and in which the information required for the grant application could be obtained quickly.

The grant application proposes preparation of an infrastructure needs assessment and urban design plan to advance a set of transit-oriented development (TOD) land use recommendations for the Swanston Station. The grant is being sought to promote implementation of the conceptual TOD vision contained in the Transit for Livable Communities (TLC) project completed by Regional Transit in collaboration with the City and various stakeholders. The first proposed project component would identify and evaluate the facility upgrades necessary to implement TLC in the Swanston Station Area. The second component will provide urban design and streetscape recommendations to enhance the area and encourage pedestrian access to the Swanston Station. Integral to these products will be a public participation program designed to procure and integrate input from community members and local officials.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The total project cost is \$375,000. Staff is requesting a \$300,000 Caltrans grant for this project, which requires a local match of twenty percent. The local match of \$75,000 will be funded with Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment funds.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

This activity is not considered a project as defined by Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines. The activity does not involve physical construction and has no potential to cause a significant impact on the environment (CEQA Section 15061(b)(3)).

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

Leveraging of local funds with state or federal funding is consistent with Council priorities of fiscal soundness. The Swanston Station project is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan goal to promote and support economic vitality by investing in infrastructure development to support sustainable growth.

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**ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:** Not applicable as no goods or services are being purchased.


Respectfully submitted,

  
Francesca Lee Halbakken  
Project Delivery Manager

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

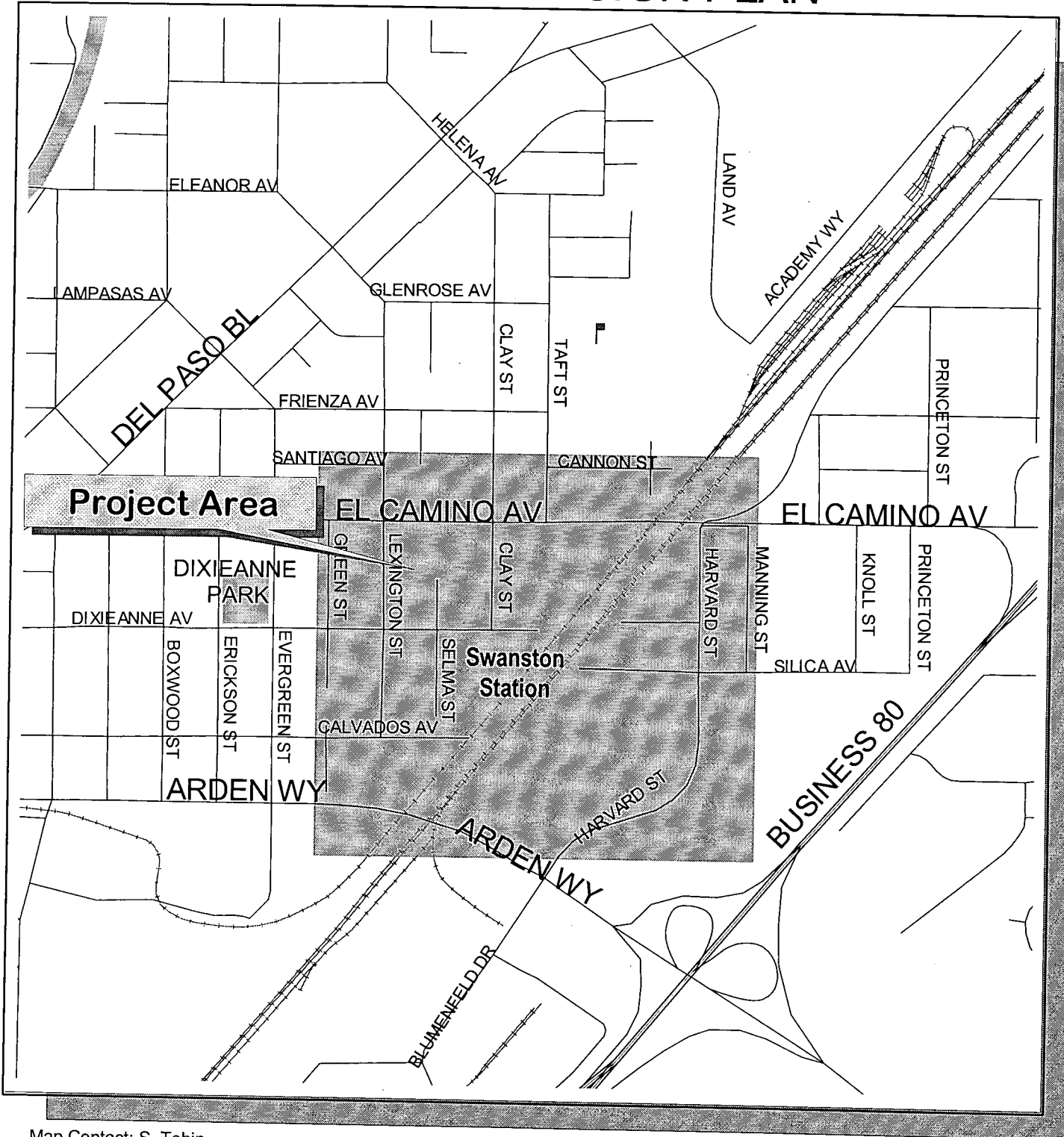
  
ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager

APPROVED:

  
Michael Kashiwagi  
Director of Public Works

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# SWANSTON STATION INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND URBAN DESIGN PLAN



Map Contact: S. Tobin  
Date: NOVEMBER, 2002



**APPROVED**  
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OFFICE OF THE  
CITY CLERK

**RESOLUTION NO. 2002-836**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO CALTRANS FOR A COMMUNITY BASED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT FOR THE SWANSTON STATION INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND URBAN DESIGN PLAN**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO THAT:**

- The Director of Public Works is authorized to submit an application for funding from Caltrans for a Community Based Transportation Planning grant for the Swanston Station Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Urban Design Plan.
- If awarded funding by Caltrans, the City Council authorizes the City of Sacramento to accept a grant up to \$300,000.
- The Director of Public Works is hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name of the City of Sacramento all necessary documents to implement and carry out the purpose of this resolution, and to undertake all actions necessary to undertake and complete the Swanston Station Infrastructure Needs Assessment And Urban Design Plan.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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