

# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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**CONSENT**  
**January 3, 2008**

**Honorable Mayor and  
 Members of the City Council**

**Title:** 2008 Sacramento Area Council of Government (SACOG) Community Design Grant Applications

**Location/Council District:** R Street District 4, Del Paso Boulevard District 2

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution** directing staff to submit applications to SACOG's Community Design Grant Program for two projects.

**Contact:** Theresa Arnold, Special Projects Engineer, 808-5514; Fedolia "Sparky" Harris, Senior Planner, 808-2996

**Presenters:** None

**Department:** Transportation

**Division:** Engineering Services

**Organization No:** 3435

### **Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** SACOG has issued a call for Community Design projects. Applications for approximately \$20 million in the third round of grant funding for transportation-related smart growth capital projects in Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties are due to SACOG on January 9, 2008. Seven projects were received from staff and partner agencies for consideration. Staff performed an initial round of scoring and ranking based on objective criteria and eligibility. That ranking was adjusted somewhat based on conversations with SACOG regarding potential competitiveness, the dollar amount requested, and project readiness to arrive at the recommended two projects.

This round of funding SACOG is putting a strong emphasis on project eligibility, project readiness and deliverability. Jurisdictions that receive project funding and then do not meet their commitment will be penalized in future funding rounds.



**Policy Considerations:** Leveraging of local funds with state or federal funding is consistent with Council priorities of fiscal soundness. The action requested herein is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan to improve the transportation system and enhance and preserve the neighborhoods.

**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)).

**Rationale for Recommendation:** Staff recommends submitting two Community Design projects to SACOG. These projects are as follows:

1. R Street from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to 13<sup>th</sup> Street (PN: TU37) (\$2,500,000). These funds would be used to construct pedestrian facilities on R Street from 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Streets.
2. Del Paso Boulevard, Globe Avenue LRT Station to Arden Way, Street Improvements (\$4,100,000). These funds would be used for the design and construction of intermittent bulb-out planter areas with trees, a fully signalized traffic signal at the intersection of Southgate Road /Colfax Street and Del Paso Boulevard, decorative pavement across the width of the street and platform together with art features to mark the entrance to the North Sacramento Area in the immediate vicinity of the Globe Avenue LRT Station.

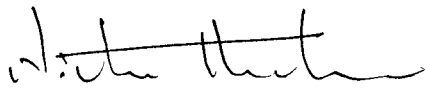
These projects were submitted by the Capital Area Development Authority and Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency. Of the projects submitted, these two projects best meet the program goals and objectives of SACOG's Community Design Program and, therefore, are determined to be the most competitive.

Staff anticipates that the scopes and estimates of the selected projects may change as they move through the application process.

**Financial Considerations:** There are significant staff costs to prepare each project application. Staff estimates that it will take between 75 to 100 hours to prepare each application. These expenses will be borne by CADA and SHRA.


Each selected project requires an 11.47 percent match plus start-up costs from local funds. Depending on the selected project, the local funds would come from Redevelopment Tax Increment, Community Development Block Grant funding, or developer fees. Federal funding will allow the City to deliver priority projects and programs sooner. Staff will return to Council with a recommendation for providing matching funds following project selection.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** No goods or services are being purchased under this report.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
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Engineering Services Manager

Approved by:   
for Jerry Way  
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

  
RAY KERRIDGE  
City Manager

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**Attachment 1****Background Information:**

The City of Sacramento was awarded funding for eight of nine applications submitted during the first two rounds of Community Design Grant funding for a total of \$8,330,000.

SACOG has expressed a desire to be equitable in the distribution of funding suggesting that the City of Sacramento may have a difficult time during this round due our relative success in the first two rounds. Staff's goal was to determine which projects to choose as candidates and at what funding level.

An initial round of scoring and ranking based on objective criteria was performed. That ranking was adjusted somewhat based on conversations with SACOG regarding potential competitiveness, the dollar amount sought, and project readiness. Final grant amounts could be adjusted if new information comes to light suggesting that the City's best interest would be served by such a decision. The following is a list of the two final candidate projects and their total project costs:

- R Street from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to 13<sup>th</sup> Street(PN: TU37) (\$2,500,000)
- Del Paso Boulevard, Globe Avenue LRT Station to Arden Way, Street Improvements (\$4,100,000)

The key to the success of any of these projects is the demonstrated transportation related benefits as well as their conformity to the Blueprint Smart Growth Principles. Regardless of their merits, the City of Sacramento has to be realistic about the amount of funding that can be anticipated to be awarded within the city limits including applications from external agencies (RT, CSUS, etc.).

In this round of funding SACOG is putting a strong emphasis on project eligibility, project readiness and deliverability. Jurisdictions that receive project funding and then do not meet their commitment will be penalized in future funding rounds. Following is a list of the projects that were submitted and the reason for not recommending them:

- Downtown Mobility Study – The Community Design Guidelines state that the focus of this round is on construction type projects therefore, this project would not be competitive.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Bike/Pedestrian Crossing of the UPRR, from the Central Shops to Old Sacramento – This project did not strongly fit the program goals and objectives. Staff determined that this project should be included in the future Track Relocation Project.
- 4<sup>th</sup> & I Streets Intersection Improvements – This project did not strongly fit the program goals and objectives.
- K Street Streetscaping – This project fit the program goals and objectives, however, staff did not believe that it was as strong as the selected projects due to limited adherence to the Blueprint Principles.

- Relocate Bus Transfer Station at 65<sup>th</sup> Street Station to Q Street. – The City, Developer SHRA and Regional Transit are still discussing the land use project and the needed improvements. All parties have not reached consensus on the project definition to allow staff to submit for this round of funding. In addition there are project eligibility issues with using federal aid funds on Q Street.

Project applications are due to SACOG on January 9, 2008. Staff anticipates that the scopes and estimates of the selected projects may change as they move through the application process.

**Attachment 2**

**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**2008 SACOG COMMUNITY DESIGN GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**BACKGROUND**

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**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The following list of projects is approved for submission to SACOG for the third round of Community Design Grant Funding barring unforeseen obstacles related to timing, funding, or deliverability of any particular project.

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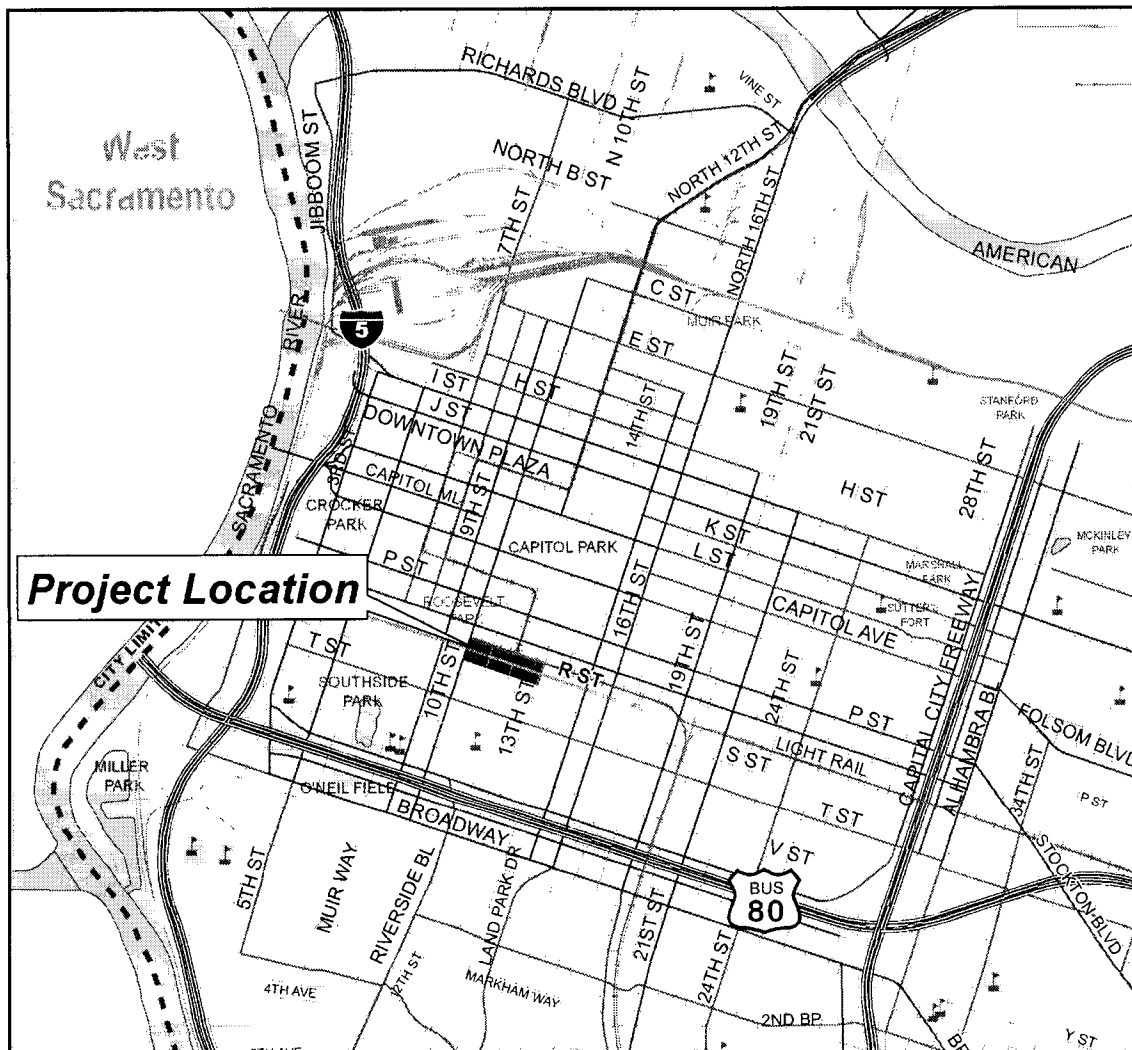
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EXHIBIT A

Location Map for  
R Street from 10th Street to 13th Street  
(PN: TU37)



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Map Date: November, 2007

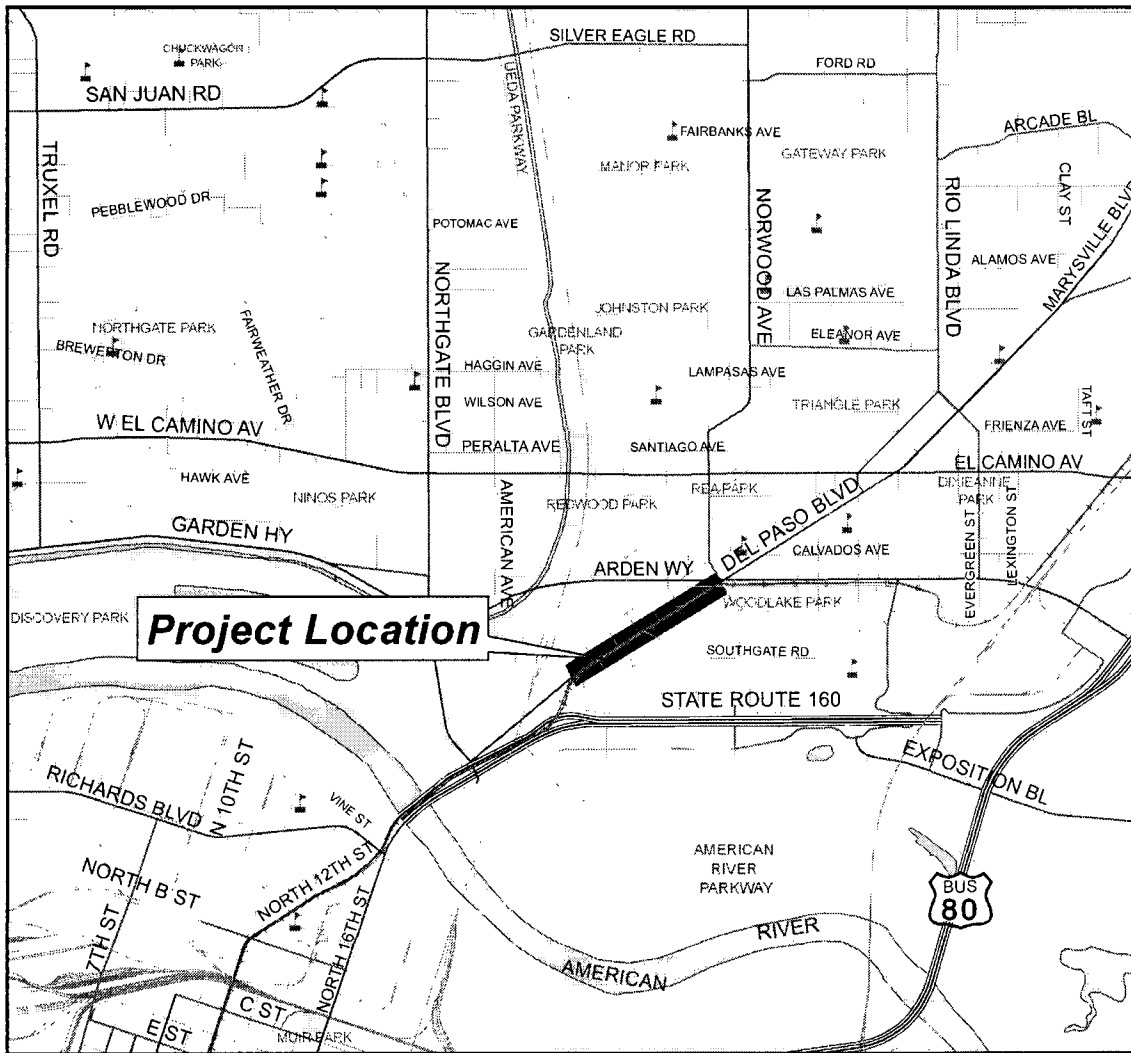
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EXHIBIT B

Location Map for  
Del Paso Boulevard,  
Globe Avenue LRT Station to Arden Way



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