

# REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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<u>Consent</u> July 21, 2009

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

Title: Establish Capital Improvement Project (CIP), Execute Agreement and Appropriate Funds: Natomas Safe Routes to Schools Project (T15105000)

**Location/Council District:** Bannon Creek Elementary School near Bannon Creek Drive and Azevedo Drive (District 1), Jefferson Elementary School near Pebblewood Drive and Azevedo Drive (District 1), and Natomas Park Elementary School near Crest Drive and North Bend Drive (District 1). Location map – Exhibit A of Resolution.

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) establishing the Natomas Safe Routes to Schools Project (T15105000); 2) authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Natomas Unified School District; 3) appropriating \$1,000,000 (Fund 3702) to the Natomas Safe Routes to School Project (T15105000) to match the Safe Routes to Schools grant funds; and 4) directing Staff to amend the Capital Improvement Program revenue and expenditure budgets to appropriate \$996,000 (Fund 3703) to the Natomas Safe Routes to School Project (T15105000) when the federal paperwork is approved.

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Presenters: None

**Department:** Transportation

**Division:** Engineering Services

Organization No: 15001121

#### **Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** The establishment of a Capital Improvement Project is necessary to begin work on this project, which has received grant funding. Execution of an agreement with Natomas Unified School District is necessary to appropriate the required match funds.

A Safe Routes to Schools grant was awarded to the Natomas Unified School District for infrastructure improvements at three different schools – Bannon Creek Elementary School, Jefferson Elementary School, and Natomas Park

Elementary School. This project will provide preliminary engineering, environmental documentation, final design, and construction for the implementation of pedestrian and bicycle improvements at each school.

**Policy Considerations:** This project is in accordance with the City Operating Principles of promoting safety and enhancing livability.

#### **Environmental Considerations:**

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): The establishment of a CIP, execution of an agreement, and appropriation of funds are not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Under CEQA general rule 15061-B-3, CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. These actions will have no effect on the environment, thus are not subject to CEQA.

**Sustainability Considerations:** This project is consistent with Sustainability Master Plan goals to help to enhance the pedestrian facilities in the public right-of-way and to encourage pedestrian trips.

Other: None.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: The City has an obligation to provide pedestrian improvements to enhance the public right-of-way and to increase safety. The establishment of a Capital Improvement Project, execution of an agreement, and appropriation of funds is necessary to pursue this project.

**Financial Considerations:** The Natomas Safe Routes to School Project (T15105000) will be funded by a federal Safe Routes to School grant in the amount of \$996,000. The Natomas Unified School District will provide \$1,000,000 in matching funds from school infrastructure bond funds. The total of \$1,996,000 is sufficient to design, permit, and construct the project. There are no general funds planned or allocated for this project.

The approval of this project will support 57 jobs in the City of Sacramento based upon the model provided by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) of one new job for every \$35,000 of transportation project investment.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** None, since no goods or services are being procured with this action.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

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#### **Attachment 1**

### Background

In Summer 2008, the Natomas Unified School District submitted an application for an infrastructure project at three schools within their district – Bannon Creek Elementary School, Jefferson Elementary School, and Natomas Park Elementary School. The Natomas Unified School District received \$996,000 in federal Safe Routes to Schools grant funding, which was matched by \$1,000,000 in school infrastructure bond funds.

As required by Caltrans, the City was listed as the responsible agency on the school district's application. In accordance with the cooperative agreement between the City and Natomas Unified School District, the City will deliver the project while the school district will provide the matching funds. Working with the school district is consistent with the City's practice of leveraging outside funds to construct infrastructure improvements.

#### **Attachment 2**

#### **RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

# ESTABLISHMENT OF A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS – NATOMAS SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROJECT

#### **BACKGROUND**

- A. The Natomas Unified School District received \$996,000 in Safe Routes to Schools grant funding, which was matched by \$1,000,000 in school infrastructure bond funds. The Safe Routes to Schools Project includes proposed improvements at Bannon Creek Elementary School, Jefferson Elementary School, and Natomas Park Elementary School.
- B. As the responsible agency, the City will deliver the project in accordance with the cooperative agreement with the Natomas Unified School District. The school district will provide the matching funds.

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

- Section 1. The Natomas Safe Routes to Schools Project (T15105000) is established as a new Capital Improvement Project.
- Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to execute an agreement with Natomas Unified School District to provide \$1,000,000 in matching funds for the \$996,000 in Safe Routes to Schools grant funds.
- Section 3. The FY09/10 Capital Improvement Program is amended by appropriating \$1,000,000 to the Natomas Safe Routes to Schools Project (T15105000).
- Section 4. When the federal authorization to proceed is received, the City Manager is authorized to approve the documents and staff is directed to amend the Capital Improvement Program revenue and expenditure budgets by appropriating \$996,000 (Fund 3703) to the Natomas Safe Routes to School Project (T15105000).

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## **EXHIBIT A**

Location Map for Natomas Safe Routes to Schools Project (T15105000)

