

REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent
August 25, 2009

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

**Title: 2009 Sacramento Area Council of Government (SACOG) Community Design
Grant Applications**

Location/Council District: Del Paso Boulevard Streetscape Project (District 2) –
Exhibit A of Resolution, Railyards West End Tunnel Project (District 1) – Exhibit B of
Resolution, Docks Promenade Phase II Project – Exhibit C of Resolution (District 4)

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

Contact: Ryan Moore, Supervising Engineer (916) 808-8279; Lucinda Willcox,
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Presenters: None

Department: Transportation

Division: Engineering Services

Organization No: 15001141

Description/Analysis

Issue: SACOG has issued a call for Community Design projects. Applications for approximately \$12 million in the fourth round of grant funding for transportation-related smart growth capital projects in Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties are due to SACOG on September 3, 2009. Six projects were received from staff and partner agencies for consideration. Staff performed a scoring and ranking analysis based on objective criteria and eligibility requirements provided by SACOG.

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. Additionally, jurisdictions that have not demonstrated adequate ability to

deliver projects in the previous three funding rounds may be penalized during the fourth (current) round.

Policy Considerations: The action requested supports the City's Strategic Plan goals of improving and expanding public safety, enhancing livability and economic vitality.

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)).

Sustainability Considerations: This project is consistent with the City's Sustainability Master Plan. It conforms to the Air Quality Focus Area by improving and optimizing transportation infrastructure, and encouraging walking and bicycling.

Other: None

Commission/Committee Action: None

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

1. Del Paso Boulevard Streetscape Project. The project was awarded \$1,400,000 in Community Design funds in 2008 as part of the previous round of Community Design funding. At that time, the project applied for \$5,000,000, but due to financial constraints in the program, the project was awarded only \$1,400,000. At this time, an additional \$1,000,000 is being requested to complete the improvements not previously funded.
2. Railyards West End Tunnel Project. This project proposes to construct a new alternate modes tunnel providing access from Old Sacramento to the new Shops district in the Railyards. \$5,266,000 in Community Design funding is being requested.
3. Docks Promenade Phase II. This project proposes to build the second phase of the Docks Promenade project between R Street and T Street on the Sacramento River Levee. \$4,500,000 in Community Design funding is being requested.

The three projects were submitted by the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (Del Paso Boulevard Streetscape Improvement Project) and the Economic Development Department (Railyards West End Tunnel and the Docks Promenade

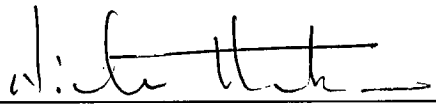
Phase II). Of all projects submitted these three best met the program goals and objectives of SACOG's Community Design Program and therefore, were determined to be the most competitive.

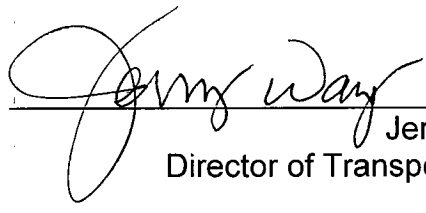
Staff anticipates that the scopes and estimates of the selected projects may change as they move through the application process.

Financial Considerations: No general funds will be used during the grant application process or the actual project delivery of the successful candidate project. The Community Design Grant program carries a minimum local matching fund requirement of 11.47%. The local match will be provided from the following sources:

1. Del Paso Boulevard – Community Reinvestment Capitol Improvement Program (CRCIP)
2. Railyards West End Tunnel – Proposition 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Fund
3. Docks Promenade Phase II – Park Impact Fees, Quimby Fees, Tax Increment Funds

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Not applicable since no goods or services are being procured.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Nicholas Theocharides
Engineering Services Manager

Approved by: 
Jerry Way
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

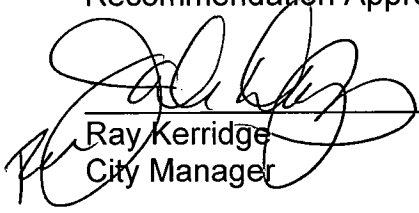

Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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Attachment 1**BACKGROUND**

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 final candidate projects and their total Community Design funding requests:

- Del Paso Boulevard Streetscape Project between Arden Way and Acoma Drive: \$1,000,000.
- Railyards West End Tunnel Project north of the current terminus of 2nd Street: \$5,266,000.
- Docks Promenade Phase II between R Street and T Street: \$4,500,000.

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.

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:

- 16th Street Streetscape Improvements Project between L Street and S Street. The project included many proposed improvement that are not eligible for federal aid. Also, the project lacks sufficient project development and environmental clearance, making the likelihood of completion by 2013 questionable.
- Streetscape Improvements Project at 65th Street and Folsom Boulevard. This project proposed to construct frontage improvements to the Station 65 Project on the southeast corner of the intersection. The Community Design program does not support improvements that have been previously conditioned for private development.
- K Street Streetscape Improvements Project. Federal Transportation funding can only be expended on federal aid eligible roadways, which are typically classified as major collectors or larger. As a pedestrian mall, K Street is not federal aid eligible.

Project applications are due to SACOG on September 3, 2009. 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

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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 fourth round of Community Design Grant Funding barring unforeseen obstacles related to timing, funding, or deliverability of any particular project:

- Del Paso Boulevard Streetscape Project between Arden Way and Acoma Drive. \$1,000,000.
- Railyards West End Tunnel Project north of the current terminus of 2nd Street. \$5,266,000.
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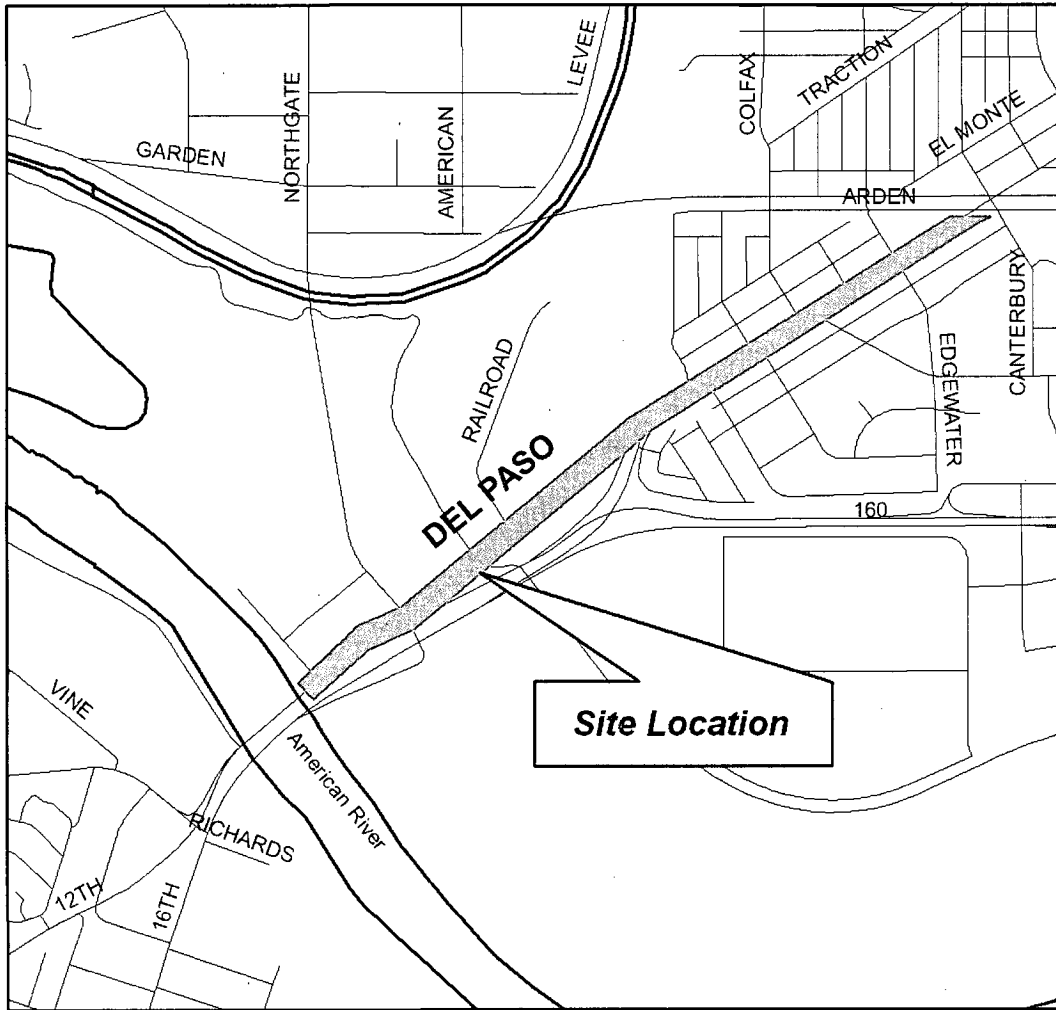
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- Exhibit B – Map of Railyards West End Tunnel Project
- Exhibit C – Map of Docks Promenade Phase II Project

EXHIBIT A

LOCATION MAP FOR
DEL PASO BLVD. STREETScape PROJECT
(T15098400)



Map Contact: Hamid Khalessi
Date: August 12, 2009

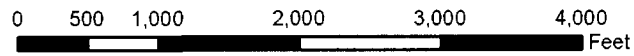
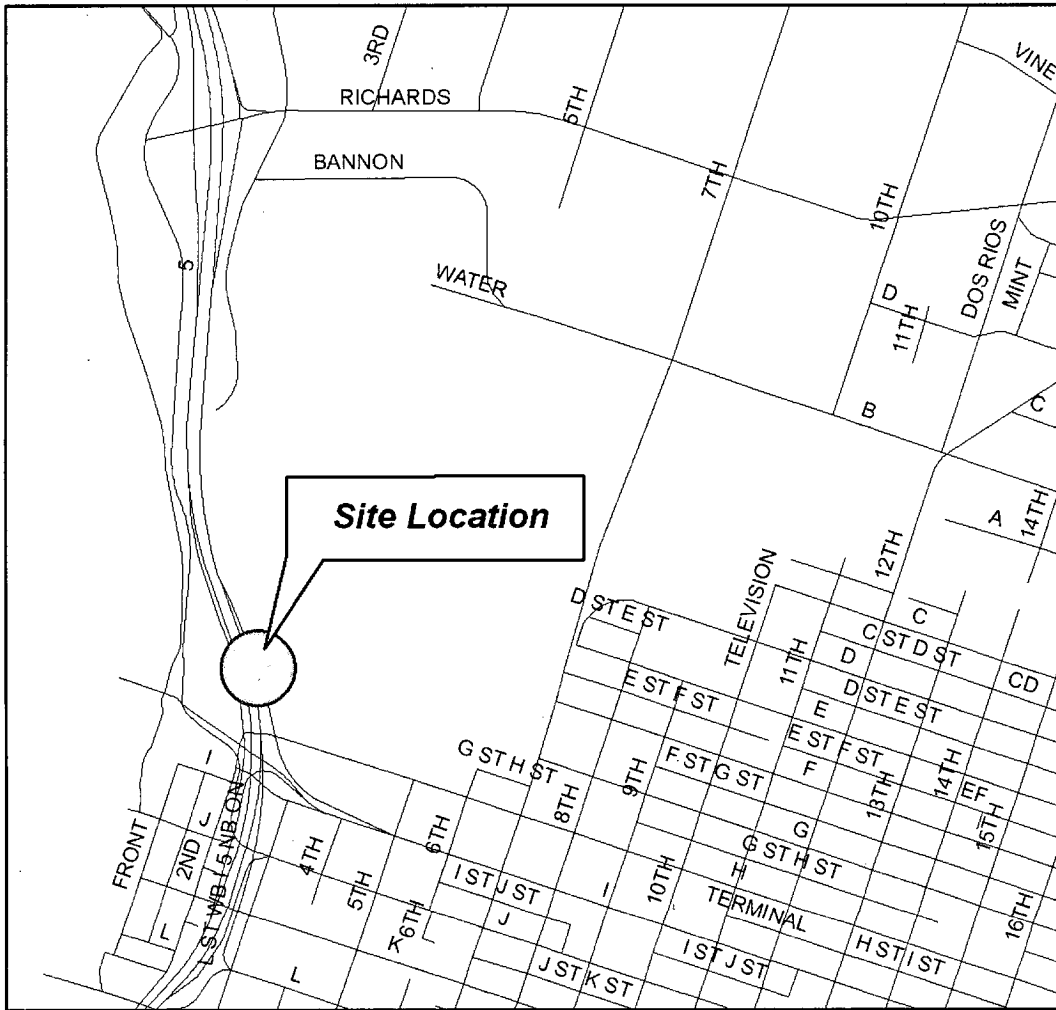


EXHIBIT B

LOCATION MAP FOR
RAILYARDS WEST END TUNNEL



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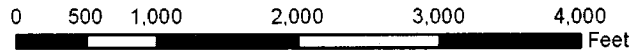
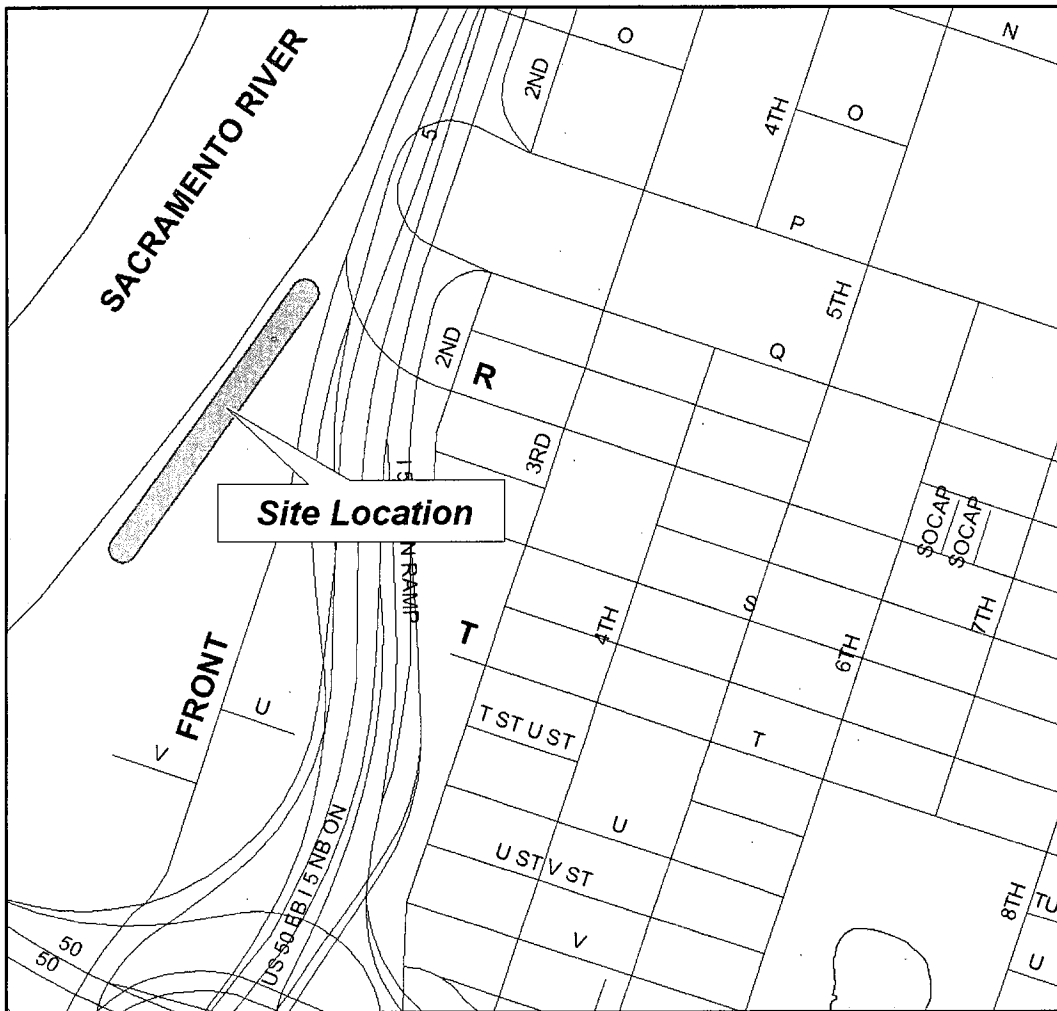


EXHIBIT C

LOCATION MAP FOR
THE DOCKS PROMENADE PHASE II



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