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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT AN APPLICATION FOR A RECREATIONAL TRAILS
PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE NORTH
LAGUNA WILDLIFE AREA BIKETRAIL**

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: North Laguna Creek Wildlife Area,
(Off of Jacinto Ave.) Council District 8

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council, by resolution (p. 5), approve the Department of Parks and Recreation's application for a Recreational Trails Program Grant for the rehabilitation of the North Laguna Wildlife Area Biketrail.

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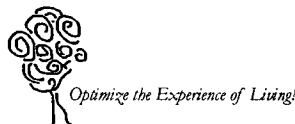
FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: August 12, 2003

SUMMARY:

With Council support, the Department of Parks and Recreation will be requesting \$119,341 to fund the rehabilitation of a biketrail in the western portion of the North Laguna Wildlife Area.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

The Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) for Parks and Recreation reviewed and approved staff's recommendation at its July 15, 2003 meeting.



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is funded under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century and is administered on the federal level by the Federal Highway Administration and on the state level by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. There is \$50 million designated for the program for fiscal years 2000 through 2003. California's share of these funds is \$3.2 million of which \$2.2 million has been designated for non-motorized trail projects.

The program provides funds for recreational trails and trail-related projects. Under RTP, funds may be used for maintenance and restoration, development and rehabilitation of trail facilities, purchase and/or lease of recreational trail equipment, acquisition of easements and construction of new trails.

Staff evaluated a number of projects from both the existing Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the Council adopted 2002 Parks and Recreation Programming Guide (PRPG). The rehabilitation of the North Laguna Wildlife Area Biketrail was determined to be the most competitive project last year, and this year as well. The project scored 8 out of 15 points in the 2002 PRPG and is one of the top scoring projects in Planning Area 4 in the draft 2003 PRPG, scheduled to be adopted by the City Council in late August.

The project is competitive in that:

- ▶ The project has a completed California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determination;
- ▶ The proposed project is on property owned by the City of Sacramento;
- ▶ The project has the available 20% match;
- ▶ The project can be completed within the grant period;
- ▶ The project addresses a facility deficiency;
- ▶ The project is a high use facility;
- ▶ The project provides for diverse recreational use and connects recreational facilities;
- ▶ The trail provides trail linkages;
- ▶ The project is consistent with local plans, and
- ▶ There is easy public access to the facility.

This project has been discussed with staff from the State Department of Parks and Recreation's Office of Grants and Local Services and fits the grant criteria. The grant application is due on October 1, 2003, and City staff should be informed of any grant award in Spring 2004.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The City will be requesting a total of \$119,341 from the California Department of Parks and Recreation. The RTP will fund at most 80% of the total project budget. A \$119,341 request will require a \$29,836 match, making the total project budget \$149,177. The \$29,836 match will

come from the North Laguna Creek Maintenance District.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Environmental Services Manager has determined that the actions of approval of the application for the Recreational Trails Program Grant does not require environmental evaluation. Furthermore, the action of rehabilitation of the biketrail in the western portion of the North Laguna Wildlife Area was found to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Sections 15301(c), 15301 (d) and 15302 (c). Exemption 15301(c) consists of an existing bike trail facility; Exemption 15301(d) consists of restoration of deteriorating facilities; and Exemption 15302(c) consist of the replacement of an existing facility involving no expansion of capacity.

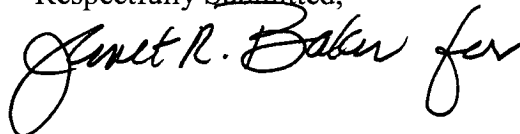
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Support for this proposal is consistent with the City of Sacramento's Strategic Plan in that it preserves neighborhoods and expands parks and recreation opportunities.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

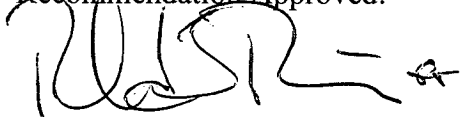
Not applicable at this time as no goods or services are being procured as a result of the approval of Recreational Trails Grant application.

Respectfully Submitted,



ROBERT G. OVERSTREET
Director of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:



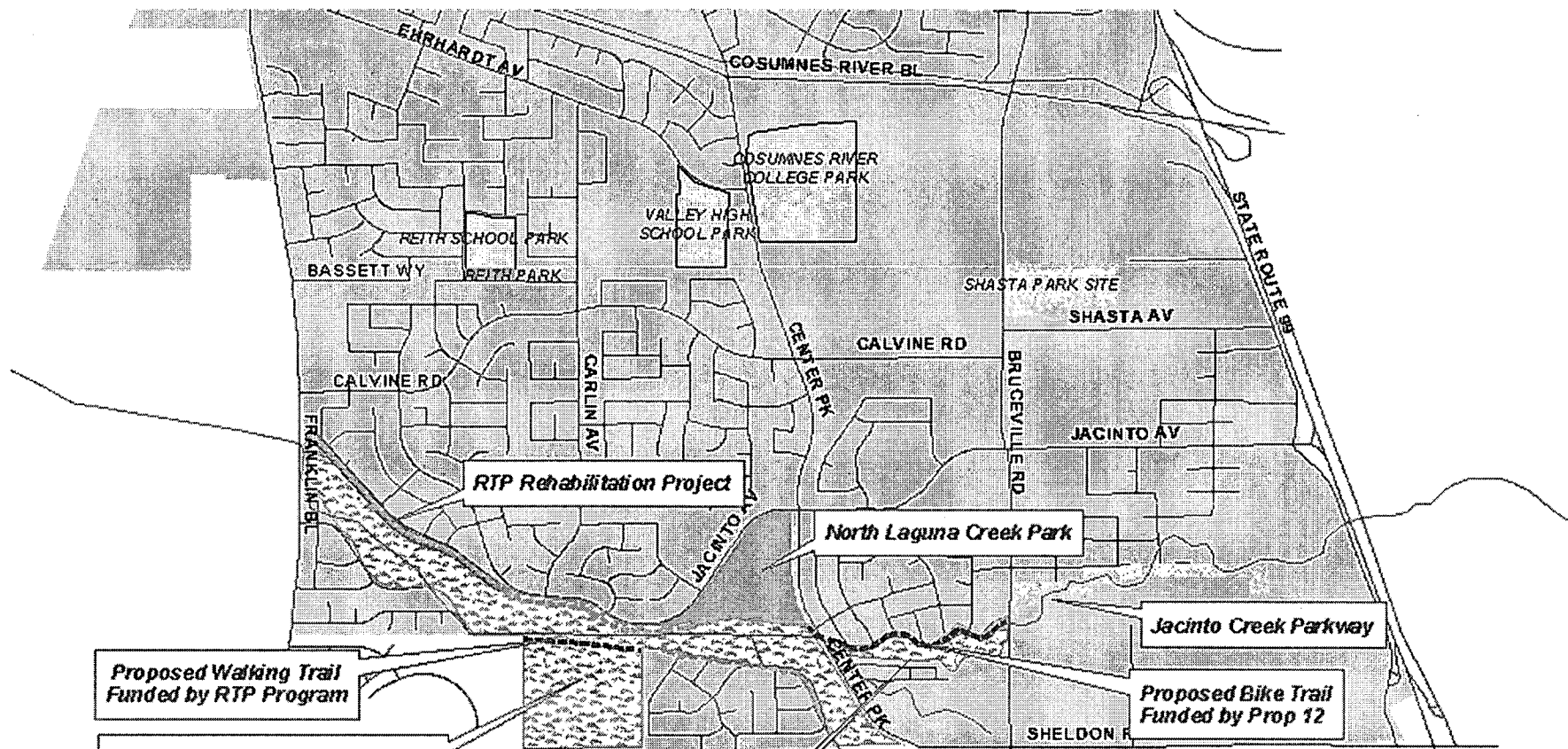
ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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City of Sacramento
Department of Parks and Recreation
North Laguna Creek Wildlife Area - Bicycle Trail Project

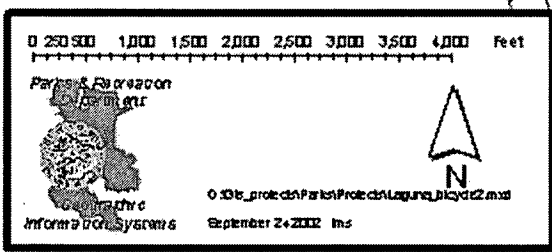


Proposed Walking Trail
Funded by RTP Program

North Laguna Creek Wildlife Area

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Proposed Bike Trail
Funded by Prop 12



Legend			
	RTP Rehab Project		EXISTING
	Proposed Walking Trail		GOLF COURSE
	Proposed Bike Trail		NON CITY
	Bike Trails - Existing		OPEN SPACE
	Creeks		PARKWAY
	City Limits		PROPOSED
			SCHOOL

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RESOLUTION NO. 2003-568
ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL



ON DATE OF 8/12/03

**APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE
RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FOR THE
NORTH LAGUNA WILDLIFE AREA BIKETRAIL REHABILITATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Transportational Equity Act For The 21st Century provides funds to the State of California for grants to state, local and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trail purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into an agreement with the State of California to complete the project(s);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Sacramento hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Recreational Trails Program; and
2. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the project(s) included in this application, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s); and

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3. Appoints the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Director of Parks and Recreation or Support Services Manager as agent of the City to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project(s).

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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