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Meeting Date: 3/15/2011

Report Type: Consent

Title: Application: Bicycle Transportation Account Funding

Report ID: 2011-00250

Location: Districts 3 and 6

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to submit an application for the State Bicycle Transportation Account Grant Program for new bike lanes on 65th Street between 4th Avenue and Folsom Boulevard.

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Presenter: None

Department: Transportation Department

Division: Funding and Project Developmen

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Attachments:

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City Attorney Review

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Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Jerry Way - 3/2/2011 4:35:00 PM

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Description/Analysis

Issue: The State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has announced a call for project applications for the State Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) Grant Program which are due March 18, 2011.

Policy Considerations: Funding this 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.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): The application to apply for BTA funding is 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: The project is consistent with Sustainability Master Plan goals to help to enhance the pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the public right-of-way and to encourage pedestrian and bicycle trips, which promotes the use of alternate modes of transportation.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: This project will improve safety for bicyclists who need to travel north and south along 65th Street. This project was selected because it is the highest ranked on-street bikeway listed in the Transportation Programming Guide (TPG) which also best meets the objectives of the BTA. State grant funding allows leveraging of City funds and will allow the City to deliver priority projects and programs.

Financial Considerations: The estimated cost for the project is \$337,000. A 10% local match is required. If the funding is awarded by the State of California, a 10% local match of \$33,700 will be provided by New Measure A – construction funds (Fund 2025). No General Funds will be used for this project.

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

Background

The Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) is an annual program that provides State funds for city and county projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters. The State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is the administrator for grant funds to these improvements.

Caltrans announced a call for projects on December 15th, 2010 for BTA funds. Project nominations are due by March 18, 2011. The City has applied for and received two BTA grants in the past: a portion of the Niños Parkway Bike Trail and the R Street Bridge Conversion.

Proposed projects for the BTA funding need to be easily deliverable without major right-of-way issues. Environmental documentation for the project must be completed prior to receiving the funds.

The maximum amount of BTA funds any agency may receive is 25% of the total \$7.2 available statewide. This means that the most the City could receive would be \$1.8 million. As there is statewide competition for the funds, Caltrans' tendency is to disburse these funds throughout the State. A realistic funding target would be for projects that cost under \$500,000. This typically limits the types of projects to on-street bike lane projects.

Among the highly ranked projects of this nature, the strongest candidate that could successfully compete for the grant funds is the bike lanes on 65th Street (2010 TPG on-street bikeways rank #6). Five other higher ranking projects listed in the TPG were reviewed and eliminated from consideration. The project to add bike lanes to Bell Avenue (TPG on-street bikeways rank #1) is currently being implemented. Adding bike lanes to Freeport Boulevard south of Meadowview Road to the south city limits (TPG on-street bikeways rank #2) is currently infeasible due to the high costs involved with road widening. Adding bike lanes to Roseville Road from Auburn Boulevard to the north city limits (TPG on-street bikeways rank #3) is currently infeasible due to the high costs involved with road and bridge widening over Arcade Creek. Adding bike lanes to Franklin Boulevard between 2nd Avenue and Fruitridge Road (TPG on-street bikeways rank #4) is currently infeasible due to the high costs involved with road widening. Adding bike lanes to San Juan Road between Fong Ranch Road and Zenobia Way (TPG on-street bikeways rank #5) is mostly completed and the remaining unfinished portion would be too small to apply for BTA funds.

Another advantage of the proposed project on 65th Street is that it will become a heavily used bikeway for commuters. The nature of this project will provide a needed connection for bicycle commuters who need to travel from the residential neighborhoods and student housing south of Highway 50 to the 65th Street Light Rail Station and the CSUS Campus north of the freeway.

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

APPLICATION FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS FUNDING FOR NEW BIKE LANES ON 65TH STREET BETWEEN 4TH AVENUE AND FOLSOM BOULEVARD

BACKGROUND

- A. The State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has issued a call for projects to receive funding from the Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA).
- B. Proposed projects for the BTA need to be easily deliverable without major right-of-way issues. Environmental documentation for the project must be completed prior to receiving the funds.
- C. The candidate location was taken from the 2010 Transportation Programming Guide (TPG). This project was selected because it was the highest ranking location that meets the criteria for BTA funding.
- D. If the funding is awarded by the State of California, a 10% local match of \$33,700 will be provided by New Measure A – construction funds (Fund 2025).

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

Section 1. The City Manager or his designee is authorized to submit an application for Bicycle Transportation Account funding for new bike lanes on 65th Street between 4th Avenue and Folsom Boulevard.

Section 2. Exhibit A is incorporated into and made part of this resolution.

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Exhibit A: 65th Street Bike Lanes Location Map

EXHIBIT A

Location Map for
BIKE LANE IMPROVEMENTS ON 65TH STREET
FROM 4TH AVENUE TO FOLSOM BOULEVARD

