

REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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Consent
April 22, 2008

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

Title: Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant Funds and the Safe Routes to School Grant Funds

Location/Council District: The Rio Linda Boulevard & Bell Avenue Signal Upgrade Project is located at the intersection of Rio Linda Boulevard and Bell Avenue. See Location Map – Exhibit A1 of Resolution (District 2). The Robla Elementary Safe Routes to School Project is located near the intersection of Marysville Boulevard and Rio Linda Boulevard. See Location Map – Exhibit A2 of Resolution (District 2).

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** 1) establishing Transportation Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for the Rio Linda Boulevard & Bell Avenue Signal Upgrade Project (PN: SU51 / S15084700), the Robla Elementary Safe Routes to School Project (PN: TI71 / T15085700); 2) authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Caltrans for \$364,590 for the Rio Linda Boulevard & Bell Avenue Signal Upgrade Project (PN: SU51 / S15084700) and authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Caltrans for \$650,000 for the Robla Elementary Safe Routes to School Project (PN: TI71 / T15085700); and 3) appropriating funds.

Contact: Matthew Johns, Assistant Engineer, 808-5760; Ryan Moore, Supervising Engineer, 808-8279

Presenters: None

Department: Transportation

Division: Engineering Services

Organization No: 3435

Description/Analysis

Issue: Establishment of CIPs, execution of funding agreements, and appropriation of funds is necessary to begin work on these two projects that were awarded federal grant funds.

The project awarded the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grant is the Rio Linda Boulevard & Bell Avenue Signal Upgrade Project (PN: SU51 / S15084700). This project will provide preliminary engineering, environmental documentation, final design, and implementation of additional signal phasing

to the existing traffic signal at the intersection of Rio Linda Boulevard and Bell Avenue. The additional phases will provide protected left turns for vehicles traveling in both the east and westbound directions. It is federally funded with \$364,599 from the HSIP Grant and matched locally with \$90,000 by the City.

The project awarded the Safe Routes to School Grant is the Robla Elementary Safe Routes to School Project (PN: TI71 / T15085700). This project will provide preliminary engineering, environmental documentation, and final design for the construction and implementation of:

1. Pedestrian crossings of Rio Linda Boulevard;
2. Access to the existing Sacramento Northern Bike Trail, which leads to Robla Elementary School; and
3. New sidewalks and crosswalks at the school.

This project is federally funded with \$650,000 from the Safe Routes to School Grant which requires no local match.

Policy Considerations: Leveraging of local funds with other funding is consistent with Council policy on the use of local funds. These projects are consistent with the City's Strategic Plan goals of improving public safety and enhancing livability.

Environmental Considerations: Creation of a CIP and appropriation of funds is not subject to the provision of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under the general rule 15061(b)(3) that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Environmental review will be completed prior to construction of the projects.

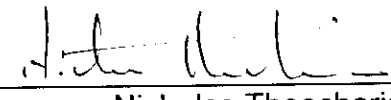
Rationale for Recommendation: It is necessary to establish the CIPs, execute the agreements and appropriate funds in order begin work on the projects.

Financial Considerations: The Rio Linda Boulevard and Bell Avenue Traffic Signal Project is estimated to cost \$454,590. This project is being federally funded with a Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant of \$364,590 and a local match \$15,000 from TX01 (Fund 2001). Additional local funds will be appropriated at time of contract award.

The Robla Elementary Safe Routes to School Project is estimated to cost \$650,000.

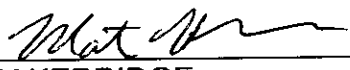
The project is fully funded with a federal Safe Routes to School grant of \$650,000 which requires no local match. An additional \$10,000 is to be appropriated from TX01 (Fund 2001) to cover all non-participating costs.

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

Respectfully Submitted by: 
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Engineering Services Manager

Approved by: 
Jerry Way
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:


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City Manager

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Background Information:

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

In early 2007, Caltrans issued a call for projects for the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). Funds are available to solve safety problems on transportation facilities. Funding available for the 2006/2007 federal Fiscal Year was approximately \$27-million statewide. At the council meeting of April 10th, 2007, staff recommended the submission of an HSIP application for the Rio Linda Boulevard and Bell Avenue Signal Modification project.

The site is a rural intersection in the North Sacramento area. It carries about 16,000 vehicles per day. There have been 32 collisions in the past three years, 18 of which were right angle collisions. This project will provide protected left turn phasing for the east and westbound movements. Due to the high volume and number of accidents at this intersection, the project was selected for funding and implementation.

Safe Routes to School Grant

The purpose of Federal Safe Routes to School Grant Program is to make bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements for school-related travel. At the City Council meeting of November 28, 2006, staff recommended that the City of Sacramento apply for a Safe Routes to School grant for the Robla School project. The City was notified in mid 2007 that the project would receive grant funding.

This grant proposes to install new sidewalks and crossing improvements at Rio Linda Boulevard and Marysville Boulevard. This project will enable safer passage for school children that walk or bike to Robla Elementary School.

Attachment 2

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**ESTABLISH TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PROJECTS FOR THE HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT
FUNDS AND THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT FUNDS**

BACKGROUND

The City was awarded a Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant and a Safe Routes to School Grant. Establishment of Capital Improvement Projects, execution of funding agreements and appropriation of funds is necessary to begin work on these two projects.

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

- Section 1. The Rio Linda Boulevard & Bell Avenue Signal Upgrade Project (PN: SU51 / S15084700) is established as a Capital Improvement Project.
- Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to execute an agreement with Caltrans for \$364,590 (Fund 3703) for the Rio Linda Boulevard & Bell Avenue Signal Upgrade Project (PN: SU51 / S15084700).
- Section 3. The FY07/08 Capital Improvement Program is amended by appropriating \$364,590 (Fund 3703) and transferring \$15,000 from the State and Federal Match (TX01 – Fund 2001) to the Rio Linda Boulevard & Bell Avenue Signal Upgrade Project (PN: SU51 / S15084700).
- Section 4. The Robla Elementary Safe Routes to School Project (PN: TI71 / T15085700) is established as a Capital Improvement Project.
- Section 5. The City Manager is authorized to execute an agreement with Caltrans for \$650,000 (Fund 3703) for the Robla Elementary Safe Routes to School Project (PN: TI71 / T15085700).
- Section 6. The FY07/08 Capital Improvement Program is amended by appropriating \$650,000 (Fund 3703) and transferring \$10,000 (TX01-Fund 2001) to the Robla Elementary Safe Routes to School Project (PN: TI71 / T15085700).

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(PN: SU51 / S15084700)

Exhibit A2 – Map of Robla Elementary Safe Routes to School Project
(PN: TI71 / T15085700)

EXHIBIT A -1

Location Map for
Rio Linda Boulevard & Bell Avenue
Signal Upgrade Project



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City of Sacramento

Map Contact: S. Tobin
Map Date: March, 2008

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EXHIBIT A -2

Location Map for
Robla Elementary
Safe Routes to School Project



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