



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
April 18, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Grant/CIP: Accept a Recreational Trails Program Grant for the Rehabilitation of the North Laguna Wildlife Area Biketrail

Location/Council District: North Laguna Wildlife Area, Council District 8

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution: 1) Establish a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) for the North Laguna Wildlife Area Biketrail Rehabilitation Project (PN: HC47) 2) Accepting a Recreational Trails Program Grant in the amount of \$119,341 into Fund 248, 3) Appropriating \$30,000 in Planning Area 4 Quimby In-Lieu Fees (Fund 710) and \$119,341 (Fund 248) to the North Laguna Wildlife Area Biketrail Rehabilitation Project (PN: HC47).

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Presenters: N/A

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Administration

Organization No: 4511

Summary:

The City was successful in obtaining a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant for the rehabilitation of the North Laguna Wildlife Area Biketrail. The Recreational Trails Program is an annual grant program that funds 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 recommends that the City Council approve the actions necessary to accept and properly account for these grant funds.

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.

Background Information:

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

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Rehabilitation of the North Laguna Wildlife Area Biketrail was identified as a "priority" project in both the 2002 and 2004 *Parks and Recreation Programming Guides*. Staff prepared a grant proposal for the rehabilitation of the North Laguna Wildlife Area Biketrail to Franklin Boulevard in 2002 under the Recreational Trails Program. Unfortunately the project was not funded in the 2002 cycle. With City Council support, staff prepared a new grant proposal under the Recreational Trails Program in 2003.

Staff was notified in Fall 2004, that the City was going to be awarded a grant in the amount of \$119,341 for the rehabilitation of the biketrail. A requirement of the RTP upon award is that the proposed project be added to the local Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan (MTIP). Staff worked with the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) to add the project to the MTIP, which was completed in Spring 2005. After State review, staff received the grant agreement in March 2006, and is now requesting that the City Council approve the actions necessary to accept and properly account for these grant funds.

Financial Considerations:

Staff recommends that the City Council establish a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) for the North Laguna Wildlife Area Biketrail Rehabilitation Project (PN: HC47). In addition, staff recommends that the City Council accept the Recreational Trails Program Grant in the amount of \$119,341 into Fund 248 and appropriate these grant funds to the North Laguna Wildlife Area Biketrail Rehabilitation Project (PN: HC47).

The RTP will fund at most 80% of the total project budget. A \$119,341 grant award requires at minimum a \$29,836 match. Staff, therefore, recommends that the City Council appropriate \$30,000 in Quimby In-Lieu Fees (Fund 710) as the required match.

Environmental Considerations:

The Environmental Services Manager has determined that the actions of accepting a 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:

Providing Parks and Recreation facilities is consistent with the City's strategic plan to achieve sustainability and livability and to expand economic development throughout the City.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):

The selection of consultants and contractors for this project will follow City established guidelines for inclusion of ESBD firms.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
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Director of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:



RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

ACCEPTING A RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE NORTH LAGUNA WILDLIFE AREA BIKETRAIL AND ESTABLISH A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE NORTH LAGUNA WILDLIFE AREA BIKETRAIL (PN: HC47) AND APPROPRIATE \$119,341 (FUND 248) AND \$30,000 (FUND 710) TO THE NORTH LAGUNA WILDLIFE AREA BIKETRAIL REHABILITATION PROJECT (PN: HC47)

BACKGROUND

- A. The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is funded under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century and is administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. There was \$50 million designated for the program for fiscal years 2000 through 2003. California's share of these funds was \$3.2 million of which \$2.2 million was designated for non-motorized trail projects.
- B. Rehabilitation of the North Laguna Wildlife Area Biketrail was identified as a "priority" project in both the 2002 and 2004 *Parks and Recreation Programming Guides*.
- C. With City Council support, staff prepared a new grant proposal under the Recreational Trails Program in 2003.
- D. Staff was notified in Fall 2004, that the City was going to be awarded a grant in the amount of \$119,341 for the rehabilitation of the biketrail. A requirement of the RTP upon award is that the proposed project be added to the local Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan (MTIP) which was completed in Spring 2005.
- E. The Recreational Trails Program will fund at most 80% of the total project budget.

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

- Section 1. A capital improvement project for the North Laguna Wildlife Area Biketrail Rehabilitation Project (PN: HC47) is established.
- Section 2. The Recreational Trails Program grant in the amount of \$119,341 is accepted into Fund 248.
- Section 3. The Recreational Trails Program grant in the amount of \$119,341 (Fund 248) is appropriated to the North Laguna Wildlife Area Biketrail Rehabilitation Project (PN: HC46).
- Section 4. \$30,000 in Planning Area 4 Quimby In-Lieu Fees are appropriated to the North Laguna Wildlife Area Biketrail Rehabilitation Project (PN: HC47) as the required grant match.

