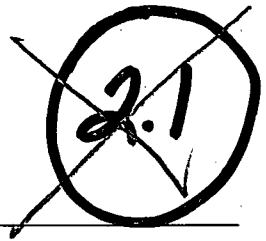




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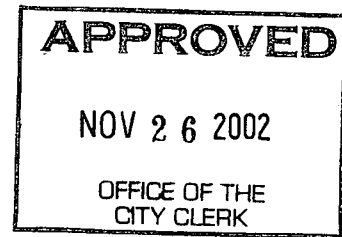
PROJECT DELIVERY DIVISION

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October 14, 2002

City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:



SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT FUNDS

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Ninos Parkway Bike Trail, Phase I: South Natomas, the Western Area Power Authority Easement between West El Camino and San Juan Road.
City Council District 1 (see map - Attachment A).

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends that the City Council authorize staff to apply for State of California 2003-2004 Bicycle Transportation Account funds for the Ninos Parkway Bike Trail, Phase I.

CONTACT PERSON: Edward J. Cox, Alternate Modes Coordinator 264-8434

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: November 26, 2002

SUMMARY:

Local agencies that have an adopted Bicycle Master Plan, no more than three years old, are eligible to receive Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) funds. The current 2010 Sacramento City/County Bikeway Master Plan (BMP) was adopted by the City Council in 2001. Staff requests authorization to apply for BTA funds to design and construct the first phase of the Ninos Parkway Bike Trail.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

The City/County Bicycle Advisory Committee has reviewed this project and recommends City Council support the application for BTA funds.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Recent legislation has increased the amount of funding in the BTA to \$7,200,000 per year statewide. The maximum any local agency can receive per year is \$1,800,000 with a required 10% local match. Local agencies may submit for funding from this grant if they have a current Bikeway Master Plan, and the project has environmental documentation. The 2010 Sacramento City/County Bikeway Master Plan was recently updated by the City Council on May 29, 2001. This makes the City and County eligible to apply for BTA funds. The environmental documents for the Ninos Parking Bike Trail have been prepared and will be ratified by the City Council in early 2003.

Earlier this year, the City Council approved application for the 2002-2003 BTA funds for the Ninos Parkway Bike Trail. The City has not yet received notification about the previous application (2002-2003 cycle), but has been advised by Caltrans to re-apply to the 2003-2004 funding cycle should it not be funded. While the City is eligible to apply for up to \$1.8 million, there is strong competition for these funds across the state. Staff believes that the amount of money that is likely to be funded for any project is between \$300,000 and \$500,000. To make the funding of the Ninos Parkway Bike Trail more competitive, staff is recommending that the implementation of the project be split into phases, so that each phase can be funded within the \$300,000 to \$500,000 range. This request for funding would apply to the first segment between West El Camino Boulevard and San Juan Road. The amount requested is \$425,000.

A Negative Declaration has been prepared and a revised scope and cost estimate has been undertaken. The Ninos Parkway Bike Trail project is ranked Number 1 on the list of off-street bikeway projects in the 2002 Transportation Programming Guide. Staff recommends that it be submitted for BTA funds for design and construction.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The City is eligible to receive up to \$1.8 million from the Bicycle Transportation Account. A 10% local match is required. The local match for the Ninos Parkway Bike Trail, Phase I will be funded with South Natomas Facilities Benefit Assessment funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The activity is not considered a project as defined by Section 15378 of the California Environmental Act (CEQA) guidelines. The action does not involve physical construction and has no potential to cause a significant impact on the environment (CEQA Section 15061(b)(3)).


POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Approval of the Ninos Parkway Bike Trail is consistent with the adopted City/County Bikeway Master Plan and the South Natomas Community Plan. The recommendation is consistent with the Strategic Plan goals for improving and diversifying the transportation system by improving alternate mode choices.


ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

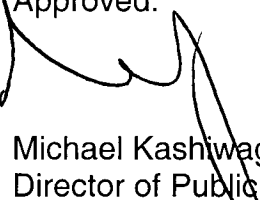
None, since no goods or services are being procured with this action.

Respectfully submitted,


Francesca Lee Halbakken
Project Delivery Manager

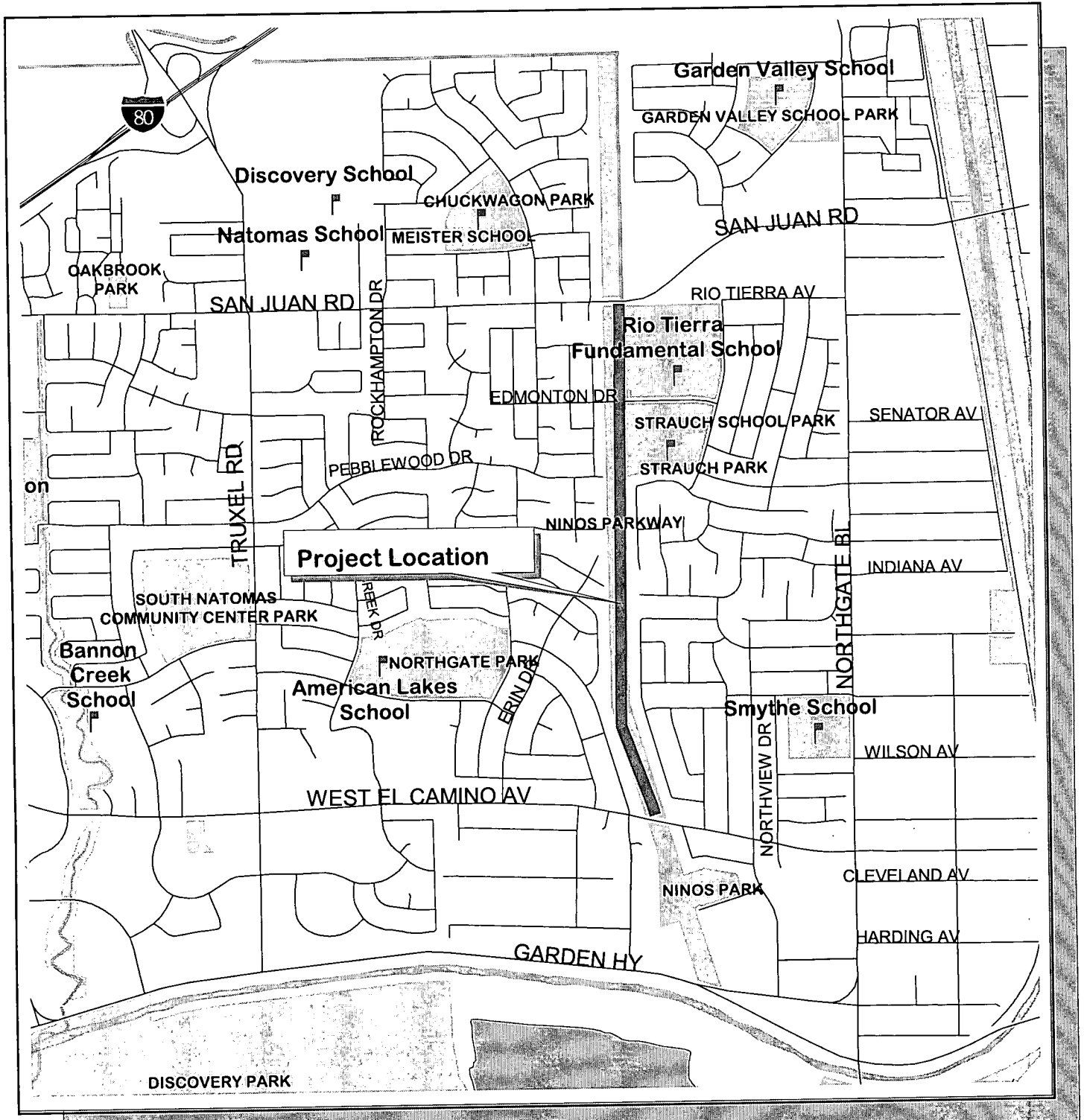
RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:


ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

Approved:

Michael Kashiwagi
Director of Public Works

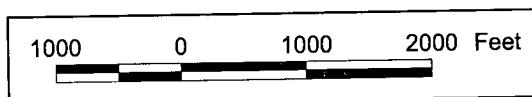
Attachment A
Location Map for

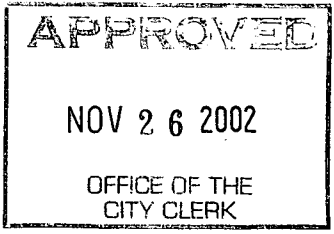
NINOS PARKWAY BIKE TRAIL



Map Contact: S. Tobin

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RESOLUTION NO. 2002-783

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE PROJECTS SUBMITTED FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO RESOLVES THAT:

- City Council authorizes Staff to apply for the State of California 2003-2004 Bicycle Transportation Account funds for the Ninos Parkway Bike Trail, Phase I.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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