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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF \$250,000 GRANT FUNDS FROM THE 1999-2000 ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION PROGRAM (EEMP) FOR TRAIL CONSTRUCTION ON THE UEDA PARKWAY PROJECT.

LOCATION: Council Districts 1 & 2 - North Sacramento, North and South Natomas

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council, by resolution:

- Accept \$250,000 in grant funds from the 1999-2000 Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP) for the off-road trails at the Walt Ueda Parkway.
- Authorize the City Manager or his appointed representative to serve as agent of the City of Sacramento to execute all necessary documents to implement and carry out the grant.

CONTACT PERSON: Victor L. Edmisten, Parks Manager, 264-5336
Gayle Totton, Natural Resource Specialist, 264-5540

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: October 19, 1999 (consent)

SUMMARY:

The Landscape Architecture Section of the Department of Neighborhoods, Planning and Development Services seeks City Council acceptance of \$250,000 in grant funding from the Sacramento Area Council Of Governments (SACOG) and The State Resources Agency through the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP) for a section of off-road bicycle and pedestrian trails along the Walt Ueda Parkway. These funds are available specifically for mitigation of the environmental impacts of the Northgate Boulevard widening (transportation project.) The grant funding provides monies for a four-mile portion of bicycle trails along the Natomas East Main Drain Canal (NEMDC) to the north and south of Interstate 80 parallel to Northgate Boulevard (See Attachment A for location map). In addition, this grant will qualify as matching funds for the authorized Defense Act of 1992 monies not yet appropriated by Congress.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

This project has been reviewed and endorsed by the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Ueda Parkway Project design and construction documents have been completed by Jones & Stokes Associates for the Army Corps of Engineers as part of their work on the North Area Local Project (NALP) for improved flood protection. As the lead agency, the City has been seeking funding to build the recreational component of the NALP. These EEMP funds will finance the construction of approximately 4 miles of trails north and south of Interstate 80 along the west NEMDC levee top. In combination with other state, federal, and local funding, this grant would fund the construction of the project to completion.

Key components of the project will be:

- Installation of four miles of 12' wide asphaltic concrete bike trail with 2' wide decomposed granite shoulders and center striping.
- Placement of trash receptacles, recycling receptacles, interpretive and directional signage along the bike trail.
- Purchase of trees, stakes and ties for planting along the parkway.
- Planning, design, and development of an educational program, field supervision, and volunteer coordination for the project

EEMP funds would enable the City to achieve the following goals:

- Establish a vital link in the regional, 60-mile loop trail system from Discovery Park north to Rio Linda, east to Folsom and along the American River Parkway.
- Restore damaged habitat.

- Promote community understanding and stewardship for the area's natural resources and prevent further illicit activities.
- Permit healthy recreational activities.
- Open an important recreation and wildlife amenity to the public.
- Provide an alternative transportation corridor that will increase air quality.
- Reduce vandalism, illegal dumping, and unauthorized motor vehicle use in the area.
- Increase sustainability of habitats within the floodway.

The proposed project would be a collaborative effort of federal, state, and local agencies and organizations (see Exhibit A).

This project is consistent with the following state, regional, and local plans:

- U. S. Army Corps of Engineers American River Watershed Investigation Plan
- Sacramento Area Council of Governments' Regional Transportation Plan
- State Transportation Implementation Plan
- Rio Linda / Elverta Community Plans
- Dry Creek Parkway Plan
- Dry Creek Regional Greenway Plan
- American River Parkway Plan
- County of Sacramento General Plan

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

None at this time.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program grant is for \$250,000, approximately 27% of the project costs for the designated portion of the trail project. In combination with other funding sources and grants already secured by the City, this grant will complete funding for project buildout.

The following funds have been expended on this project:

- Federal expenditures of \$316,000 for construction plan development
 - City expenditures of \$90,000 for ramp construction
 - SAFCA expenditures of \$50,000 for ramp construction
 - Grant funds totaling \$116,043 (\$100,000 ISTEAA grant, \$16,043 U.S. Department of Forestry grant)
 - Community volunteers and in-kind contributions of \$15,000
- Total expenditures: \$587,043

The following funds are currently available for the project:

- Grant funds awarded (Federal TEA-21, State grants) of \$ 2,249,900
 - SAFCA allocation of \$100,000
- Total funds available: \$2,349,900

The following funds are pending allocation:

- Grant funds pending allocation (State EEMP) of \$250,000
- Total funds pending: \$250,000

Total project funding: \$3,186,943

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This funding is specifically for environmental enhancement and mitigation for the impacts of the Northgate Boulevard Transportation Corridor Improvement project. The portion of trail to be constructed is covered in the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Ueda Parkway project. The Negative Declaration is tiered from the approved 2010 Sacramento City/County Bikeway Master Plan with the American River Watershed Investigation EIR/EIS as a supporting document. The public comment period of the environmental process began August 11, 1999 and ended October 6, 1999. Comments and responses are attached in Exhibit A.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

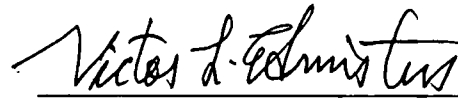
The Ueda Parkway Plan is consistent with the following local plans:

- City of Sacramento General Plan
- Sacramento City / County 2010 Bikeway Master Plan
- North Natomas Community Plan
- South Natomas Community Plan
- North Sacramento Community Plan
- Sacramento Greenway and Parkway Plans

ESBE CONSIDERATIONS:

None at this time. Any goods and services provided as a result of this grant shall be acquired in accordance with the terms of the grant administration agreement.

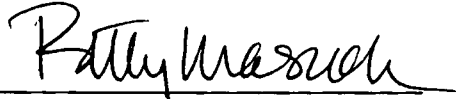
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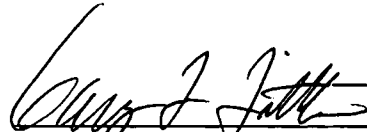
VICTOR L. EDMISTEN
Parks and Recreation Manager

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

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ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager



GARY L. LITTLE
Area 4 Director

EXHIBIT A
List of Participating Agencies

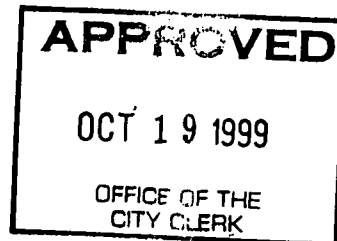
The proposed project would be a collaborative effort of federal, state, and local agencies and organizations including:

- State Board of Reclamation
- United States Army Corps of Engineers
- State of California Transportation Commission
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- California Department of Fish and Game
- City of Sacramento, Parks Department, Landscape Architecture Section
- Sacramento County Parks and Recreation
- Rio Linda-Elverta Parks and Recreation District
- Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency
- Sacramento Area Council of Governments
- Sacramento Valley Open Space Conservancy
- Sacramento Tree Foundation
- Sacramento Local Conservation Corps
- Reclamation District 1000
- American River Flood Control District
- Ecological Council of Sacramento (ECOS)
- Urban Creeks Council
- North Natomas Community Association
- Valley View Acres Community Association
- Dry Creek Conservancy

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RESOLUTION NO. 99.593

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL



ON THE DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT \$250,000 FROM THE SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SACOG) THROUGH THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION PROGRAM (EEMP) FOR CONSTRUCTION IMPLEMENTATION OF A SECTION OF THE UEDA PARKWAY PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Resources Agency, a division of the California State Water Resources Board, provides funds to local agencies through CalTrans and SACOG to mitigate environmental impacts of Transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Northgate Boulevard Transportation Corridor Improvement project, including the widening of Northgate Boulevard, the creation of roadway connections to Interstate 80, and the widening of several smaller existing streets, did impact the natural environment, pedestrian/bicycle access, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, said impacts must be mitigated to meet the goals of the City of Sacramento General Plan, the North Natomas Community Plan, the South Natomas Community Plan, the North Sacramento Community Plan, the Sacramento Greenway and Parkway Plans, and the Sacramento City/County 2010 Bikeway Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into an agreement with The Resources Agency to carry out the mitigation project;

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

- 1. Accept \$250,000 in grant funds from SACOG through the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP) for the Ueda Parkway project; and

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2. That the City Manager or his appointed representative is hereby authorized and empowered to execute, in the name of the City of Sacramento, an agreement with The Resources Agency and all other necessary documents to implement and carry out the purposes of this resolution.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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