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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: NIÑOS PARKWAY BIKE TRAIL, PHASE 1 (PN: HC61) - ESTABLISH A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP); APPROPRIATE FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZE A BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT GRANT APPLICATION

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution:

- Establishing a new Capital Improvement Project for the Niños Parkway Bike Trail, Phase 1;
- Appropriating a local funding match of \$45,000 (Fund 796) from the South Natomas Facilities Benefit Assessment fund for the Niños Parkway Bike Trail, Phase 1; and
- Authorizing staff to apply for State of California 2004-2005 Bicycle Transportation Account grant for the Niños Parkway Bike Trail, Phase 1.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: November 18, 2003

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SUMMARY:

Local agencies that have a recently adopted Bicycle Master Plan 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 is seeking City Council approval to apply for BTA funds that would fund the design and construction of the first phase of the Niños 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 apply for project funding from this grant if they have a Bikeway Master Plan that has been approved or updated in the last three years and the project in question has a completed environmental document. The 2010 Sacramento City/County Bikeway Master Plan was recently updated by the City Council on May 29, 2001.

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 Niños 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 \$450,000.

The Department of Parks and Recreation recently completed a master plan for the overall development of the Niños Parkway. As the first phase of implementation of the parkway, the Niños Parkway Bike Trail will be a Class I bikeway between San Juan Road and West El Camino Avenue. The trail will provide connections from the residential neighborhood to Rio Tierra Jr. High School, Strauch Elementary School, Strauch Park, and Niños Park.

A Negative Declaration has been prepared and a revised scope and cost estimate has been prepared. The Niños 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.

In order to apply for the BTA funds for the Niños Parkway Bike Trail Phase 1 (PN: HC61), the City must provide local funds in the amount of 10% of the total project cost. The City Council approved

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South Natomas Facilities Benefit Assessment (FBA) project list identifies \$2,000,000 for "Bikeway System Design."

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The approval of the local matching funds in the amount of \$45,000 (796-710-7012) from the South Natomas Facilities Benefit Assessment Contingency will establish the project budget and satisfy the funding requirement to apply for the grant.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The activity is not considered a project as defined by Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality 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 Niños Parkway Bike Trail, Phase I is consistent with the adopted City/County Bikeway Master Plan and the South Natomas Community Plan. The recommendation is consistent with the Strategic Plan goal to improve and diversify 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


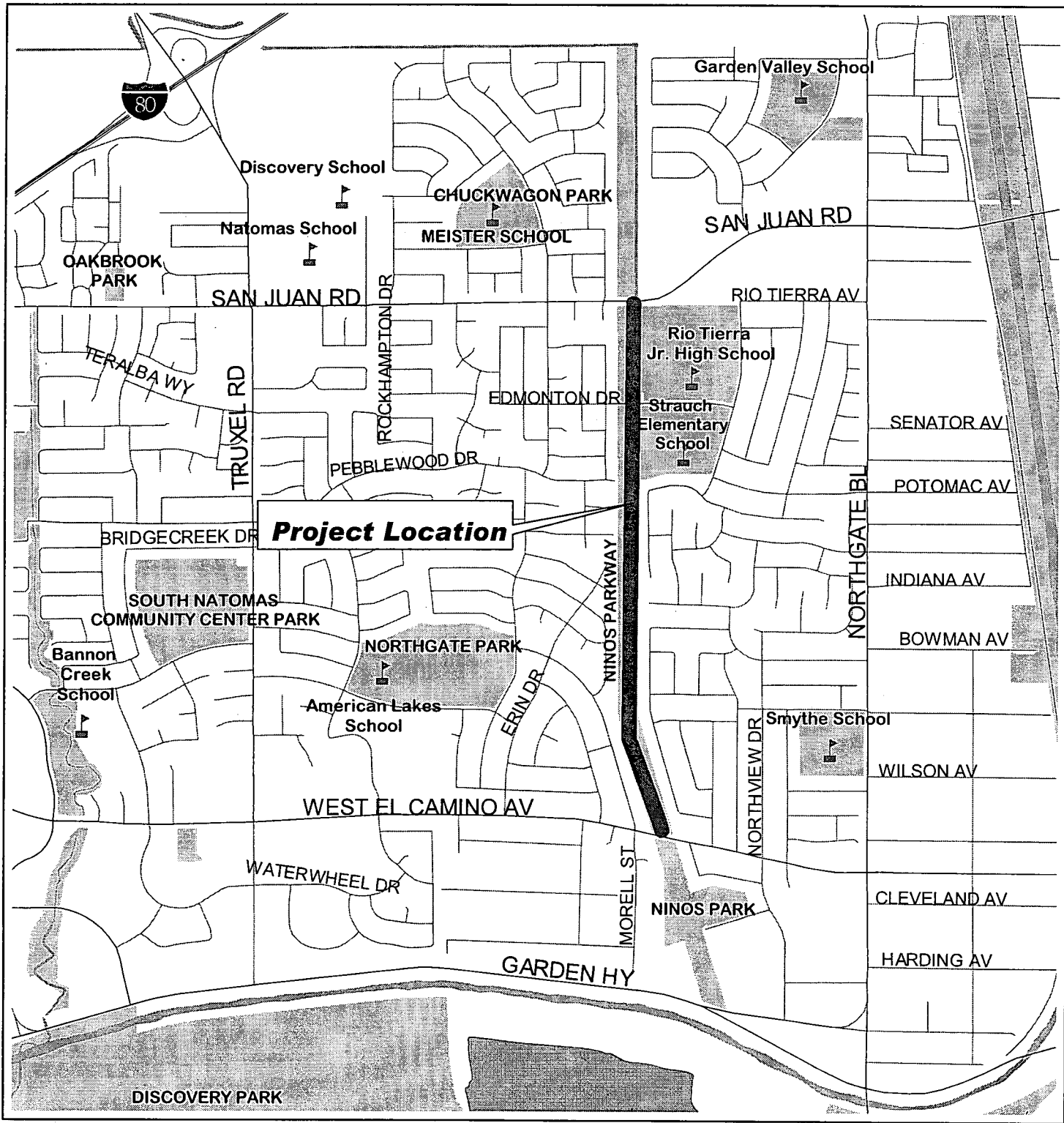
Approved:

Thomas V. Lee
Deputy City Manager

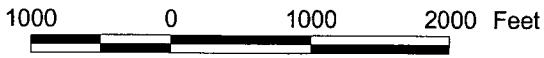
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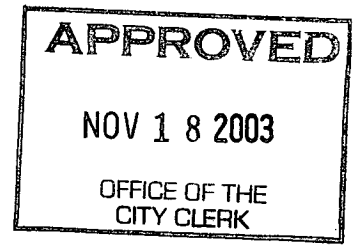
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RESOLUTION NO. *2003-801*

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____



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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO RESOLVES THAT:

- The Niños Parkway Bike Trail, Phase I be established as a new Capital Improvement Project (CIP).
- The FY03-04 Capital Improvement Program budget is amended by appropriating \$45,000 (796-710-7012) to the Ninos Parkway Bike Trail, Phase Project (PN: HC61).
- The City Council authorizes staff to apply for the State of California 2003-2004 Bicycle Transportation Account funds for the Niños Parkway Bike Trail, Phase I.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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