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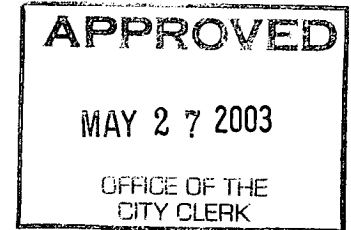
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May 1, 2003

City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:



SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Intersection of Millcreek Drive and West El Camino Avenue,
Council District 1 (see location map, Attachment A).

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution approving the submission of an application for funding to the Safe Routes to School Grant Program (AB1475/SB10) for a new traffic signal and intersection related improvements at Millcreek Drive and West El Camino Avenue.

CONTACT PERSONS:

Ed Cox, Alternate Modes Coordinator, 264-8434
Hector Barron, Supervising Engineer, 264-2669

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: May 27, 2003

SUMMARY:

The Safe Routes to School Grant Program is in its fourth year and will provide 20 to 25 million dollars to local agencies statewide. The purpose of the program is to make safety improvements for school-related travel. Assembly Bill 1475 (1999) and the subsequent Senate Bill 10 (2001) enacted the program.

Proposed projects for the Safe Routes to School Grant Program need to be easily deliverable without major right-of-way issues or complex environmental studies.

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Application for Safe Routes to School Grant
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Staff recommends applying for funds to install a new traffic signal and to construct intersection related improvements at Millcreek Drive and West El Camino Avenue. This project will enable safer crossing of West El Camino Avenue for school age children attending Bannon Creek Elementary School.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

None.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Established in 1999, the Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Grant Program came into effect from the passage and signing of Assembly Bill 1475 (AB 1475). In 2001, Senate Bill 10 (SB 10) was enacted, which extended the program for three additional years. It is scheduled to expire on January 1, 2005. The program expects to receive 20 to 25 million dollars in FY 2003/2004, which will be awarded to local jurisdictions statewide. The California Department of Transportation has established the following factors and criteria to rate Safe Routes to School Program projects:

- Demonstrated needs of the applicant.
- Potential of the proposal for reducing child injuries and fatalities.
- Potential of the proposal for encouraging increased walking and bicycling among students.
- Identification of safety hazards.
- Identification of current and potential walking and bicycling routes to school.
- Consultation and support for projects by school-based associations, local traffic engineers, local elected officials, law enforcement agencies, and school officials.

The California Department of Transportation, announced a call for projects in March 2003 for the Safe Routes to School Grant Program for FY 2003/2004 funding. Project nominations are due by May 30, 2003.

The City has applied for several Safe Routes to School grants over the past three years. Because the grants are awarded through a competitive process, Caltrans has only been able to award one grant to the City per year. Recent history has shown that the possibility of getting more than one grant per year is low.

Safe Routes to School grants require timely project delivery and active participation from the school. This project was initiated from a collaboration of Safe Routes to Schools Sacramento, a non-profit child safety advocacy organization and Bannon Creek Elementary School. This process aided City staff in receiving active participation from the school and widespread community support. As a traffic signal, this project is listed in the signal priority list in the City's Transportation Programming Guide (TPG), which means that it meets required warrants. This signal is listed as Number 32 in the TPG. Higher ranked signal locations could be funded sooner, however, with the participatory role needed from the school for this funding source, this is the most deliverable traffic signal at a school location.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Safe Routes to School Grant Program is a 'reimbursement' program. The reimbursement ratio for all projects will be 90 percent (maximum) with the local agency providing a 10 percent (minimum) local match. The maximum reimbursement amount for any single project is \$450,000. If state funding is obtained, staff will identify transportation funds (gas tax, major street construction tax or Measure A construction) for the local match when the Capital Improvement Project is established.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The subject of this report does not involve a project, which requires compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), in as much as it does not involve an activity, which may cause a direct or indirect change in the environment (Public Resources Code Section 21065).

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The construction of the Safe Routes to School Program projects will provide safer access to schools and will improve overall public safety. City participation in the Safe Routes to School Grant Program is consistent with the City Council's emphasis on developing partnerships with the community and school districts. The attached resolution is consistent with City Council's goal of leveraging local funds to obtain state and federal funding to deliver key transportation improvements. Constructing this project is part of implementing of the City's Strategic Plan goal to improve and diversify the regional transportation system.

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 R. THOMAS
City Manager

Approved:

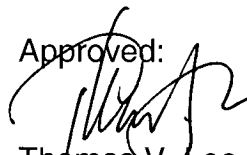
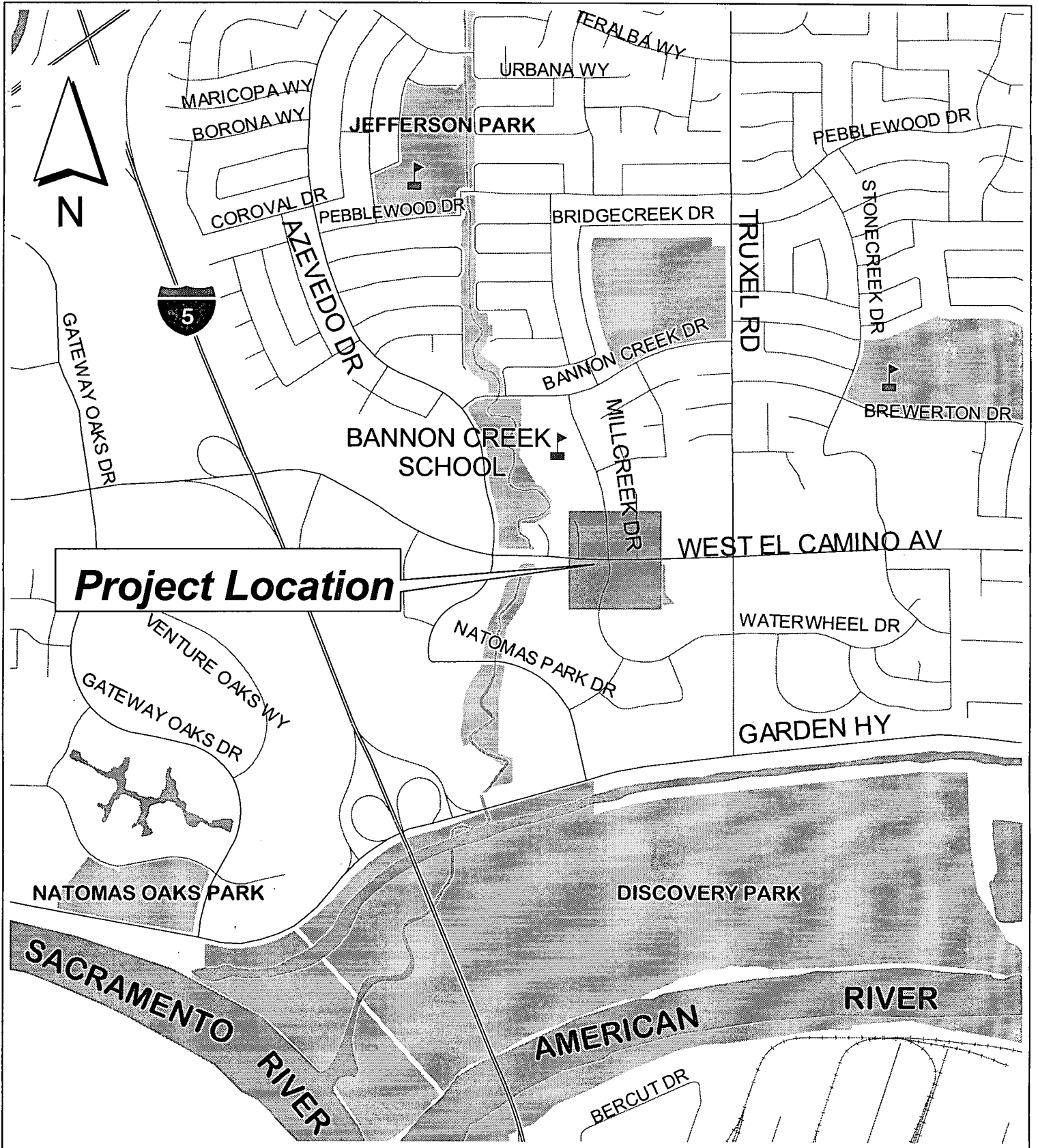
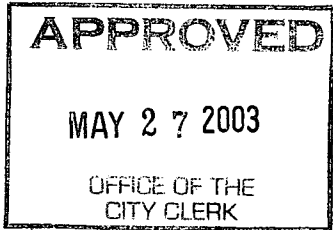

Thomas V. Lee
Deputy City Manager

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Location Map for APPLICATION FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT BANNON CREEK SCHOOL AREA IMPROVEMENTS





RESOLUTION NO. 2003-324

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE
PROJECTS SUBMITTED FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE
SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM (AB 1475/SB10)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO RESOLVES THAT:

- The City Manager is hereby authorized to submit an application for funding to the Safe Routes to School Grant Program (AB1475/SB10) for a new traffic signal and intersection related improvements at Millcreek Drive and West El Camino Avenue.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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DATE ADOPTED: _____