

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** NOVEMBER 22, 2004

THROUGH: FINANCE COMMITTEE

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: APPROVE A JOURNAL VOUCHER RECOGNIZING AND APPROPRIATING \$400,000 OF LIGHT RAIL RESERVE (PROPOSITION C) FOR THE FILLMORE STATION PEDESTRIAN PLAZA AND THE FILLMORE STREET LIGHTING AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council approve a journal voucher recognizing and appropriating \$400,000 of Light Rail Reserve (Proposition C) to Budget Account 75506 (Gold Line Phase I – Project Enhancements).

BACKGROUND

On April 5, 2004, the City Council approved an agreement between the Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Blue Line Construction Authority ("Construction Authority") and the City of Pasadena for the distribution of surplus funds after the closeout of the Gold Line Phase I project.

On May 24, 2004, the City Council approved the FY 2005 Capital Improvement Program, which included the Gold Line Phase I - Project Enhancements of the Traffic Control and Facilities section. This project consists of twelve enhancement projects along the Gold Line route and stations.

On July 14, 2004, the Construction Authority's Board of Directors approved the City of Pasadena's application for receipt of surplus funds in the amount of \$5,415,000 based upon the approved surplus revenue formula. On August 23, 2004, the City Council approved the priority order of four projects to complete the project, Gold Line Phase I – Project Enhancements and appropriated \$5,415,000 from the Pasadena Metro Blue Line Construction Authority for this project.

One of the four approved projects was the Fillmore Station Pedestrian Plaza from Raymond Avenue to the Gold Line Station and Fillmore Street Lighting and Traffic Signal Improvements. This project will be completed in two phases.

The first phase consists of pedestrian lighting on Fillmore Street between Raymond and Fair Oaks Avenues and between Arroyo Parkway and Marengo Avenue. A new traffic signal will be installed at Fair Oaks Avenue and Fillmore Street for pedestrians traveling between the Fillmore Station and Huntington Hospital area.

The second phase consists of the closure of Fillmore Street from Raymond Avenue east to the cul-de-sac, removal of the existing street, modification of the existing drainage system, and construction of decorative walkways, lighting, benches, bike racks and kiosks for enhancement of the Fillmore Station.

The amount of Gold Line Surplus Funds approved by the City Council on August 23, 2004 was \$100,000 to cover the cost of design for both phases. An additional \$400,000 is needed to construct both phases.

Design of the Phase I improvements is nearly complete and design of Phase II is underway. Before this work can be advertised for bids, it is necessary that a journal voucher be approved appropriating the necessary construction funds in the amount of \$400,000.


Gold Line Surplus Funds cannot be used for overhead costs. The use of Proposition C Funds, as recommended, will more than provide the necessary local funds needed to cover the City's overhead costs of approximately \$25,000.

Construction of Phase I is scheduled to begin in February 2005, with Phase II scheduled to begin in summer 2006.

FISCAL IMPACT

Upon approval of the recommended journal voucher, funds for this project will be available in Budget Account 75506 (Gold Line Phase I – Enhancement Projects).

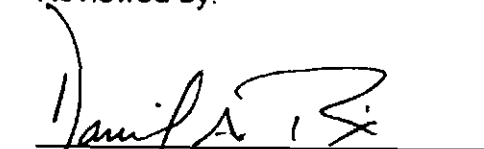
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