

# Agenda Report

September 15, 2008

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR \$242,000 FOR THE EAST ARROYO NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTOR TRAIL RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT FROM THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE, ACCOUNTABLE, FLEXIBLE, EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the application for the Recreational Trails Program grant in the amount of \$242,000 for the planning and construction of its East Arroyo Neighborhood Connector Trail Reconstruction Project.

**RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

At their regular meeting on September 9, 2008, the Recreation and Parks Commission reviewed the application to the Recreational Trails Program for the amount of \$242,000 to implement the East Arroyo Neighborhood Connector Trail Reconstruction Project in the Central Arroyo Seco. The Commission recommended supporting the City of Pasadena's grant application to the Recreational Trails Program in the amount of \$242,000 for the planning and constructing of its East Arroyo Neighborhood Connector Trail Reconstruction Project.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Pasadena has the opportunity to apply for grant funding from the annual Recreational Trails Program for the 2008 funding cycle. The California Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated with the authority to distribute funds from the Federal Highway Administration to projects that develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. The grant funds are provided from the "Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users."

Presently, there is very little safe pedestrian access to the Central Arroyo Seco from the neighborhoods lying along its eastern edge. The proposed East Arroyo Neighborhood Connector Trail is key to connecting these upper neighborhoods to the Arroyo's numerous recreational opportunities and local and regional trails.

The anticipated East Arroyo Neighborhood Connector Trail is located in the Central Arroyo Seco, across the street from the Brookside Golf Course, and is an approved, unfunded project in the FY 2009 Capital Improvement Program. Beginning at Arroyo Boulevard, the trail will travel down a degraded and abandoned road to the small parking lot at Rosemont Avenue and Washington Boulevard. The projected trail will convert the existing abandoned road right-of-way into a narrower, landscaped path that is consistent with the General Guidelines for trails as described in the Arroyo Seco Design Guidelines, as well as the Central Arroyo Seco Master Plan. In addition to showcasing native plants of the Arroyo Seco as well as much needed directional and interpretive information, this trail will serve as an added safe pedestrian entrance into the City's largest open space.

When complete, the East Arroyo Neighborhood Connector Trail will join a currently unconnected neighborhood to a network of local trails within the Arroyo Seco, as well as regional and national trails, such as the Recreation Loop, East Arroyo Seco Trail, and Gabrielino trail system, extending north into the Angeles National Forest.

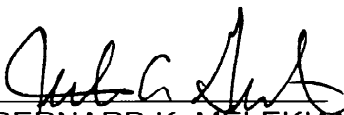
**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:**

On August 28, 2008 the City of Pasadena filed and received a Notice of Exemption for the East Arroyo Neighborhood Connector Trail Reconstruction Project.

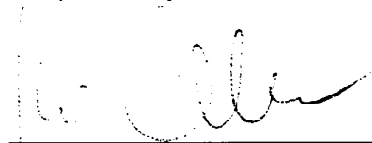
**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If the City of Pasadena is successful in obtaining funding from the Recreational Trails Program, it will receive \$242,000 towards the cost of planning and constructing the East Arroyo Neighborhood Connector Trail Project, which has an estimated cost of \$275,000. A successful grant application will require a minimum match of 12 percent, or \$33,000, which will be identified at the time the grant is awarded. A possible source of funding for this match is Residential Impact Fees.

Respectfully submitted,

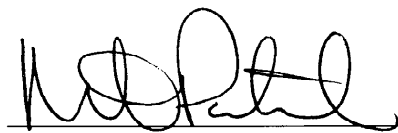
  
for BERNARD K. MELEKIAN  
City Manager

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Approved By:



Martin Pastucha, Director  
Department of Public Works

Resolution No: \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA  
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE  
RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE, ACCOUNTABLE,  
FLEXIBLE, EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR  
USERS**

WHEREAS, the "Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users" provides funds to the State of California for Grants to federal, state, local and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trail Projects; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing Project Application under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant to certify by resolution the approval of Application before submission of said Application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant will enter into a Contract with the State of California to complete the East Arroyo Neighborhood Connector Trail Reconstruction Project;

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

1. Approves the filing of an Application for the Recreational Trails Program; and
2. Certifies that the Project is consistent with the City of Pasadena's general plan or the equivalent planning document; and
3. Certifies that the City of Pasadena has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the Project included in this Application, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project; and
4. Certifies that the City of Pasadena has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Procedural Guide; and
5. Appoints the City Manager or the Director of Public Works as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to Applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the Project.
6. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and guidelines.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on the \_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by the following vote:

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_

Noes \_\_\_\_\_

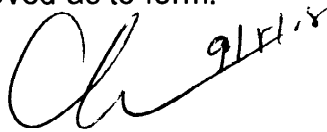
Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

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Mark Jomsky, CMC  
City Clerk

Approved as to form:



*9/11/18*

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Nicholas George Rodriguez  
Assistant City Attorney