

Agenda Report

January 30, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/LETTER OF AGREEMENT APPROVAL FOR EAST COLORADO BOULEVARD PEDESTRIAN ENHANCEMENTS, PHASE 2

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find the project to be categorically exempt under Section 21084 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article 19, Section 15301 (Class 1), subsection (c) of the Resources Agency of California Guidelines (minor alterations involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing) pursuant to the findings of the Secretary of the Resources Agency, and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption for the project with the Los Angeles County Clerk; and
2. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding/Letter of Agreement (MOU/LOA) for the East Colorado Boulevard Pedestrian Enhancements Project, Phase 2.

BACKGROUND:

The City applied for Federal funds during the 2009 Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Call for Projects. The East Colorado Boulevard Pedestrian Enhancements Project, Phase 2, was approved through the Call for Projects, and funding was set aside pending approval of this Memorandum of Understanding/Letter of Agreement.

The project provides for the implementation of the decorative pedestrian lighting improvement described in the East Colorado Boulevard Specific Plan ("Specific Plan"). The Specific Plan was approved, and the associated Environmental Impact Report was certified by the City Council on May 12, 2003. The Specific Plan specifies that decorative,

double-lamp street lights shall continue along Colorado Boulevard to the east City limit. A federally funded project constructed and installed the same decorative lights along a portion of Colorado Boulevard between Northup Avenue and Sycamore Avenue as part of the Specific Plan.

The public improvement is designed to continue a safe and attractive pedestrian environment along Colorado Boulevard. The proposed pedestrian lighting will be located within the public right-of-way along Colorado Boulevard from Hill Avenue to Allen Avenue and will continue the distinctive appearance that identifies Colorado Boulevard as a historic east/west route. Phase I of the project is currently being designed and consists of proposed pedestrian lighting along Colorado Boulevard from Catalina Avenue to Hill Avenue.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This project supports the City Council Strategic Goals to “Improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure” and to “Improve mobility and accessibility throughout the City of Pasadena.” This project is consistent with the Mobility Element Policy 4.2 by improving pedestrian environment. The project is also consistent with the Land Use Element Objective 19 by promoting the use of non-motorized modes of transportation, such as walking, in the City.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

Under the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project is categorically exempt under Section 15301 (Class 1), subsection (c) of the Resources Agency of California Guidelines since the work consists of minor alterations involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing. Therefore, it is recommended that a Notice of Exemption be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

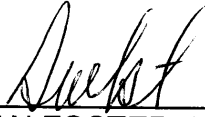
FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of this action will be \$603,224, and the total cost of the *East Colorado Boulevard Specific Plan* is \$2,130,426 (CIP Budget Account No. 73582). Approval of this Memorandum of Understanding/Letter of Agreement will enable the City to obtain the \$603,224 through the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to construct and complete this project.

The following table presents a summary of the sources of funds that will be used.

Commercial Dev. Fee	\$ 156,010
Gas Tax	\$ 287,000
Metropolitan Transit Authority	\$ 1,477,224
Street Occupation Rental Fees	\$ 80,000
Unfunded	\$ 130,192
Total Sources	\$ 2,130,426

Respectfully submitted,

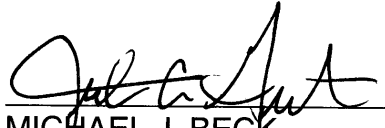


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