

Agenda Report

December 16, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDING FOR CORDOVA STREET ROAD DIET PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the following proposed actions are exempt from review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3); and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) with the receipt of grant funding and the implementation and management of the program respectively.

BACKGROUND:

The Mobility Element of the General Plan recognizes the value of the City of Pasadena becoming more bicycle friendly. The City wishes to offer opportunities for healthier lifestyles, reduce dependence on autos to reduce global warming gases and air pollution, reduce energy consumption, improve pedestrian and bicycle safety and create more desirable neighborhoods. To that end, the City has taken a leadership role in sustainable transportation and implementing Complete Streets.

Accordingly, the Department of Transportation applied for and was awarded a 2009 Metro Call for Projects grant in the amount of \$2,881,000 to improve pedestrian safety and to install bike lanes on Cordova Street between Arroyo Parkway and Hill Avenue through the implementation of a road diet.

The Cordova Street Road Diet Project will convert the vehicular-oriented street to a complete street by removing two vehicular traffic lanes to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle facilities. The proposed street configuration will consist of pedestrian curb extensions to shorten crossing times at all intersections, bike lanes in both directions, a painted median/center turn lane, and one lane of traffic in each direction. Signalized intersections will be upgraded and equipped with bicycle detection. Striping changes removing a travel lane in each direction and accommodating bike lanes have been implemented on the segment of the project between Lake Avenue and Hill Avenue and additional improvements will be implemented as a part of the grant funding.

Staff is currently exploring the potential for the proposed bike lanes on Cordova to be implemented as protected lanes.

This grant funds over a two-year period on a reimbursement basis. Metro will reimburse the City for expenditures incurred in support of the grant objectives to a maximum amount per year as follows: FY 2014 - \$223,000; and FY 2015 – \$2,658,000. The maximum amounts include the 20 percent local funds match. The first year of the grant will be used to prepare the environmental documents and design the project. The grant funds in the second year will be used to construct the project.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The Cordova Street Road Diet Project supports the Green City Action Plan by promoting environmentally sustainable programs at the local and regional levels.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The implementation of the Cordova Street Road Diet Project is exempt from CEQA per section 15061 (b) (3), the General Rule. The General Rule can be applied when it can be seen with certainty that the activity will not have a significant effect on the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

FY 2014 funding for the project in the amount of \$223,000 has been appropriated to CIP# 75052. The remaining funding for the project will be appropriated in the FY 2015 Capital Improvement Program Budget. Overall, the sources and uses of funds are as shown in the following table:

Funding Source		FY 2014	FY 2015
MTA Grant		\$174,000	\$2,130,800
Local	Gas Tax	\$ 49,000	\$ 398,000
Match	TDA Article 3		\$ 129,200
Total		\$223,000	\$2,658,000

Respectfully submitted,



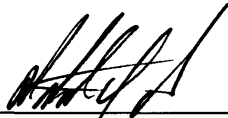
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