

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JANUARY 25, 1999

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: Draft Bicycle Master Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached recommendations. [There are no staff or consultant recommendations regarding bicycle facilities in the Lower Arroyo pending the Environmental Review that is currently underway].

1. Conceptually Approve of the Draft Bicycle Master Plan;
2. Approve that an Initial Study (IS), an Amendment to the Final Environmental Impact Report on the Mobility Element and a Public Hearing to Amend the Mobility Element of the Bicycle Master Plan be conducted.

BACKGROUND:

A community meeting was held in conjunction with the Transportation Advisory Commission on Saturday, January 9, 1999 to receive public comments on the draft revision of the Bicycle Master Plan. The community meeting was attended by over 100 residents, bicycle advocates, and "special interest" groups. A number of speakers expressed their support of the plan and offered their suggestions for adding parking and signing to improve safety for cyclists and speakers also stressed the need to educate vehicle drivers about bicyclist's rights. A comprehensive list of the comments will be addressed in the final Bicycle Master Plan.

The consultant team of Crowley and Jacobsen was hired during the month of February 1998 to revise and expand the City's existing Bicycle Master Plan. A Bicycle Task Force (two members from Recreation and Parks Commission and three members from the Transportation Advisory Commission) was formed to meet with and provide direction to the consultants. The Draft Plan was presented to the Transportation Advisory and Recreation and Parks Commissions. After final review of the Plan, both commissions supported the Bicycle Task Force recommendation to conduct a community meeting to receive public comment, submit the Draft Plan to City Council for conceptual approval and request authorization to submit Bicycle Grant Applications to various funding agencies.

The grant applications include:

The Advanced Bicycle Detection System – Marengo Avenue (\$190,000), the Advanced Bicycle Detection System – Allen Avenue (\$125,000); and the repainting of all existing bike lanes and the removal and replacement of all bicycle signs throughout the existing Bikeway System (\$68,000). Total project costs are \$383,000.

Once City Council has provided conceptual approval of the Bicycle Master Plan, staff will conduct an Initial Study (IS) and prepare an amendment to the 1994 Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Mobility Element. Once all CEQA analysis has been included in the IS, the IS will recommend that the FEIR be amended through an addendum or a supplemental or subsequent EIR to the Mobility Element FEIR.

Once the amendment to the FEIR has been prepared, a 45-day public review period will commence for the FEIR and for the Bicycle Master Plan. During this period the amendment to the FEIR and the Plan will be reviewed by the Planning, Transportation Advisory and Recreation and Parks Commissions and forwarded to City Council for adoption and incorporation into the FEIR and Mobility Element of the General Plan. This City Council action can take place at the end of the public review period.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bicycle detection projects and the repainting and resigning of the existing Bikeway System grant applications are recommended for possible funding to the City of up to \$344,700 from the Caltrans Bicycle Lane Account (BLA) with a local 10 percent match of \$38,300 paid from the Bikeway Development Account No. 75327. The consultants were paid \$24,000 from the Bikeway Development Account for the revision of the Bicycle Master Plan.

Respectfully Submitted,


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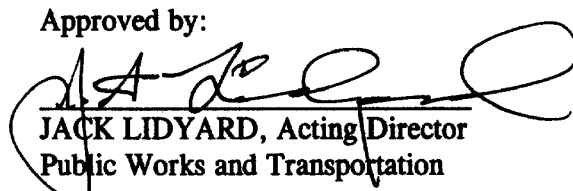
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