

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: February 26, 2001

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Authorization to enter into agreements with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to receive funding for Arroyo Parkway Transportation Improvements

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the City Manager to sign a Letter of Authorization (LOA) for the Arroyo Parkway Transportation Improvements grant.

BACKGROUND:

In January 2000, the City of Pasadena solicited grants from the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) in an abbreviated Call for Projects. Pasadena was awarded a grant for the Arroyo Parkway Transportation Improvements (Project No. 7055). This grant for \$763,000 will be used to improve the traffic signal system and traffic control facilities on Arroyo Parkway in conjunction with the relinquishment of the street by Caltrans. The project includes improvements to traffic signals on Arroyo Parkway, the installation of Changeable Message Signs (CMS), the installation of CCTV, and the addition of fiber-optic communications. The project is to be initiated in Fiscal Year 2000-01.

A total project amount of \$955,000 includes \$763,000 in grant funds and \$192,000 in local matching funds. The local matching funds are available from Paseo Colorado mitigation funds. Paseo Colorado is required to mitigate traffic impacts at three intersections on Arroyo Parkway. These intersections are included in the proposed grant improvements; therefore, the developer funds can be used for the local 20% match.

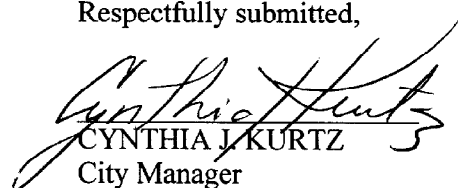
The Letter of Agreement (LOA) with MTA identifies Terms and Conditions for receipt of the grant funds, including scope of work, reporting requirements, funding schedule and the timely use of the funds. The LOA also establishes an implementation schedule for the project. The LOA for the Arroyo Parkway Transportation Improvements describes the improvements included in the project, the schedule for deliverables, and coordination with other projects. The LOA has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office.

The LOA is an important and necessary component of the process to fund granted projects. A fully executed LOA must be in place for the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to allocate funds to projects programmed for implementation in FY 2000-01. If the LOA is not executed and approved by Caltrans by the end of the fiscal year in June, funding will be removed from the project. The Arroyo Parkway Transportation Improvements project is programmed for FY 2000-01 and must have an executed LOA to proceed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

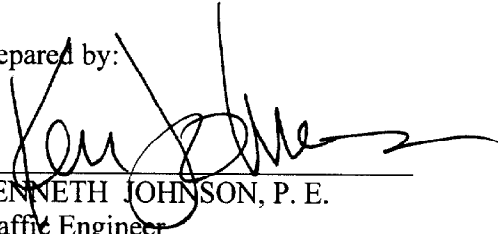
The LOA for the Arroyo Parkway Transportation Improvements project identifies both grant and local matching funds. The project has local matching funds programmed from developer mitigation funding for the Arroyo Parkway project.

Respectfully submitted,




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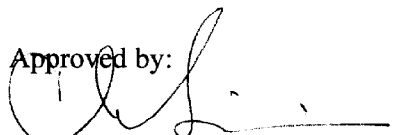
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