

Agenda Report

To: City Council **Date:** April 8, 2002
Through: FINANCE COMMITTEE
From: CITY MANAGER
Subject: Amendment to the FY 2002 Capital Improvement Program to include a new project "Automated Shared Traffic Collision Database" and Appropriation of Grant Funding

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Amend the FY 2002 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to include a new project in the *Traffic Control and Facilities* section entitled "Automated Shared Traffic Collision Database."
2. Approve a journal voucher recognizing \$37,000 in grant funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety and appropriating it to the "Automated Shared Traffic Collision Database" project (Account Number 75024).
3. Acknowledge that the "Automated Shared Traffic Collision Database" project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to section 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction, of the CEQA Guidelines, and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption therefore with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

BACKGROUND:

On January 22, 2001 the City Council adopted a resolution approving an application to the California Office of Traffic Safety for a grant to develop an integrated Police Department and Public Works and Transportation Department accident database. On March 6, 2002, the City was officially notified that it had been awarded a grant for \$37,000 from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for this project.

This project will provide an updated computerized accident record system to be used as a resource management tool to allocate police manpower in areas of need. Historically, intensifying enforcement at high accident areas reduce accidents. The new system will enable the Police Department to monitor the frequency of accidents within a few days of the collision dates. This timely review will enable the Police Department to deploy its resources in a more effective manner. The system can also help correlate DUI collisions with arrests to measure and track effectiveness of resources. In addition, the project will provide a critical engineering tool to identify, analyze, and mitigate high accident locations through various traffic-engineering solutions.

Currently, the Police and Public Works departments compile traffic collision data in two separate and incompatible database systems, which limit the use, accuracy, ease of data updates, and coordination of studies and programs. The "Automated Shared Traffic Collision Database" project will create and develop a Local Area Network (LAN) to support a comprehensive database that will enhance the existing computerized Traffic collision database that is currently housed in the Public Works and Transportation Department. Enhancements will occur by integrating all necessary data into one comprehensive data server shareable by both the Police and Public Works Departments. The installation of this LAN should eradicate all duplication of data entry and will speed data sharing and accessibility.

If approved, this project will begin immediately and should be completed by December 2002. The grant is on a reimbursement basis and follows guidelines established by Caltrans.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

The Environmental Administrator has determined that this project is categorically exempt from CEQA per section 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction, of the CEQA Guidelines. The "Automated Shared Traffic Collision Database" project will replace an existing collision database used by the Public Works and Transportation Department. The new system will be expanded to be used by the Police Department and to include and integrate information from both the Public Works and Transportation and Police Departments.


FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of this project and journal voucher will increase the FY 2002-2006 CIP by \$37,000. The OTS will fully fund the cost of the project with no local matching funds required.

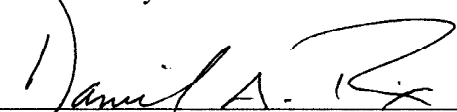
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