

# Agenda Report

Date: January 28, 2002

**To: CITY COUNCIL**

**Thru: LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

**From: City Manager**

**Subject: Supporting the Reauthorization of the TEA-21 Highway and Transportation Funding Bill**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt a resolution supporting the reauthorization of the TEA-21 Highway and Transportation Funding Bill, and
2. Authorize the Mayor to send a letter of support to the Chairs and Members of both the House and Senate Reauthorization Committees.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The federal Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21), which establishes funds and sets aside monies for transportation improvements throughout the nation, will expire on September 30, 2003. This legislation will have to be re-authorized to provide federal funding for surface transportation programs and projects across the country.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) identifies regional transportation needs and administers the federal funds to cities and the County in the form of grants. The funding is disseminated through a competitive "Call for Projects" process wherein various agencies compete for monies. Most recently, the City of Pasadena was awarded a total of \$4,682,000 in funding for the following five projects during the 2001 Call for Projects:

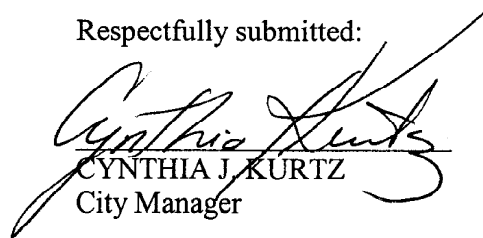
- 8 Segments of Pasadena Bikeway - \$290,000
- North Lincoln Avenue Enhancements (Street Lights) - \$247,000
- Restoration of the Historical Flint Wash Trail Crossing - \$286,000
- Civic Center/Mid-Town Improvements - \$2,832,000
- Playhouse District Streetscapes - \$1,027,000

Reauthorization of this bill will provide future opportunities for Pasadena to pursue federal aid for preserving and expanding the City's investments in roadways, transit systems and intermodal (pedestrian/bicycle) projects.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Reauthorization of TEA-21 Highway and Transportation Funding Bill will provide potential fiscal benefits to the City.

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Attachment: Reauthorization Outreach Information Materials