

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** November 22, 2004

THROUGH: Finance Committee (November 22, 2004)

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2005 ADOPTED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET TO INCLUDE A NEW PROJECT IN THE "TRAFFIC CONTROL AND FACILITIES" SECTION ENTITLED "PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLIST SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS - SAFE STRIDES AND RIDES"

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Adopted Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget to include a new project in the "Traffic Control and Facilities" section entitled "Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Enhancements - Safe Strides and Rides";
2. Recognize and approve a journal voucher appropriating the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant for \$90,000 to the "Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Enhancements - Safe Strides and Rides" project (Project # 75507);
3. Approve a journal voucher to appropriate \$38,300 from Commercial Development Fees in FY 2005 to the "Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Enhancements - Safe Strides and Rides" project; and
4. Acknowledge that the "Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Enhancements - Safe Strides and Rides" project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to section 15301, Existing Facilities, 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.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

The Capital Improvement Program Subcommittee of the Planning Commission reviewed this project on November 1, 2004, and recommended its approval to the full Planning Commission on November 10, 2004. On that date, the Planning Commission voted unanimously in favor of the project.

BACKGROUND

On June 7, 2004 the Department of Transportation was officially notified that it had been awarded a grant for \$90,000 from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for the "Safe Strides and Rides" project. This project includes the design, procurement and installation of in-pavement lights at two crosswalk locations, the development of an educational video and procurement of equipment for bicycle rodeos to increase pedestrian and bicyclist safety awareness. The total project cost is \$180,482, which includes \$90,482 in design, planning and administration costs for the City.

The purpose of the "Safe Strides and Rides" project is to increase pedestrian and bicyclist safety and awareness through educational and engineering treatments. In-roadway lighting systems will be installed at two crosswalks in the City. The ten candidate locations for in-roadway light installation are listed below (in alphabetical order):

1. Cordova Street at Michigan Avenue
2. Del Mar Boulevard at Kinneloa Avenue
3. Lake Avenue at Rio Grande Street
4. Los Robles Avenue at Jackson Street
5. Marengo Avenue at Ramona Street
6. Orange Grove Boulevard at Madison Avenue
7. Orange Grove Boulevard at Mentor Avenue
8. Union Street at Oakland Avenue
9. Washington Boulevard at Bresee Avenue
10. Washington Boulevard at Catalina Avenue

The final location of the two crosswalks will be determined by staff as part of this project through a warrants analysis in high-density pedestrian areas. In addition, through a collaborative effort with other agencies, an educational video regarding safe walking and cycling tips will be developed. The video will be distributed to schools, youth centers, community centers and senior center assisted living developments. This project also provides funding to procure equipment such as bicycle helmets to be distributed at three bicycle rodeos, organized by the City.

If approved, this project will begin on December 1, 2004 and is scheduled to be completed by November 30, 2006. The grant will be distributed on a reimbursement basis and follow guidelines established by Caltrans.

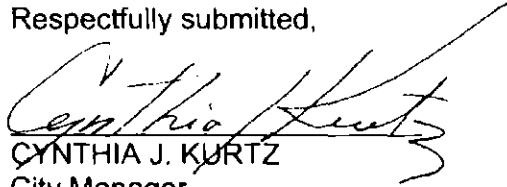
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The Environmental Administrator has determined that this project is categorically exempt from CEQA per section 15301, Existing Facilities, of the CEQA Guidelines. The in-roadway flashing lights will provide a supplemental safety feature at existing crosswalks and will enhance the safety of the crossing.

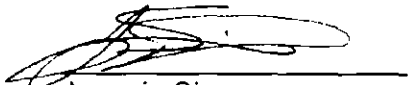
FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this project and the journal vouchers will increase the FY 2005 Adopted CIP Budget by \$128,300. This includes a portion of the required local match of \$90,482 to accommodate the design, planning and administration of the project. This portion of the local match for FY 2005 is comprised of \$38,300 from Commercial Development Fees. The remainder of the required local match will be requested through the annual CIP budget process for FY 2006. The total project budget is \$180,482.

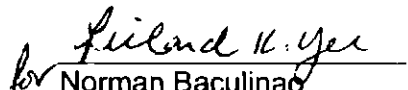
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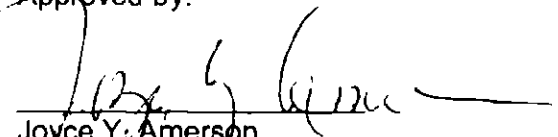
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