

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2006

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE EXPENDITURE DEADLINE FOR THE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to apply for an extension of the expenditure deadline for the Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) grant from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the Bicycle Transit Station and to execute all necessary agreements.

BACKGROUND

Bicycle Transit Station

In November 2000, the Council adopted the Bicycle Master Plan (*Century of Bikes*), which envisions a well-connected bicycle network. In 2004, staff applied for the Caltrans Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) grant and was awarded the amount of \$180,000. The Agreement between Caltrans and the City was executed on July 1, 2004. Normally recipients of the BTA grant have 36 months to expend the funds in accordance with the Scope of Work and submit the expenditures to Caltrans for reimbursement at the end of the funding cycle. For this project, the City would have to expense all eligible expenditures by May 1, 2007.

Since the Agreement was signed, significant progress has been made in the design of the Bicycle Transit Station. Due to the on-going right-of-way lease agreement negotiation with the LACMTA the bid process could not begin until late 2006 with construction to be completed by late 2007.

Under the current BTA grant all bikeway installations must be completed and requests reimbursements must be submitted by May 1, 2007. Staff is requesting a one-year extension to May 2008.

Negotiations with LACMTA Regarding Right-of-Way License Agreement

The City is finalizing negotiations for a license agreement to occupy and improve the right-of-way segment between Holly Street on the north and Green Street on the south in Old Pasadena. Staff anticipate going to City Council in the first quarter of calendar year 2007 to approve the license agreement. Once completed, the surface improvements will extend the pedestrian network in Old Pasadena and provide additional opportunities for outdoor dining areas in the district.


FISCAL IMPACT:

The City will lose the BTA grant of \$180,000 if the time extension is not pursued.

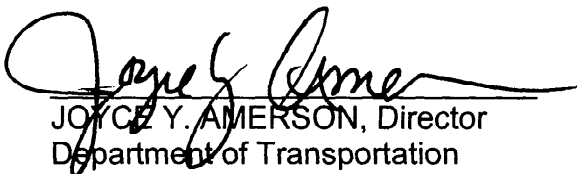
Respectfully submitted,


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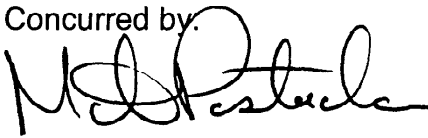
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