

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION OF SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM AND THE CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the City of Pasadena's application and resolution to the State of California Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation, for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) in the amount of \$175,000 to implement the Eastside Neighborhood and JPL Connector Trail Reconstruction project (CIP Project #77507); and
2. Approve the City of Pasadena's application and resolution to the State of California Resources Agency, Bonds and Grants Unit, for the California Proposition 50 River Parkways Program in the amount of \$898,700 to implement the Berkshire Creek Improvements project in Hahamongna Watershed Park (CIP Project #77508 and #77509).

BACKGROUND

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is administered at the federal level by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). It is administered at the State level by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). Approximately \$5.25 million will be available this year for projects based on the federal fiscal year appropriation. Project funding is subject to the availability of federal funds. The competitive grants are available to cities, counties, districts, state agencies and nonprofit organizations with management responsibilities over public land. This grant requires a 12 percent match, which is proposed to come from operating funds and L.A. County Proposition A Funds. The implementation of the Eastside Neighborhood and JPL Connector Trail Reconstruction project in Hahamongna Watershed Park was selected due to more stringent requirements for the RTP program.

The following categories are eligible for this grant cycle: Development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages for recreational trails; construction of new recreational trails; and acquisition of easements and fee simple title to property for recreational trails or recreational trail corridors. Project applications must be submitted by October 1, 2007.

The California River Parkways Program is funded by the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50). The legislature has appropriated \$100 million for the acquisition, restoration, protection, and development of River Parkways. Approximately \$32.5 million is available this year for projects.

Projects must provide public access or be a component of a larger parkway plan that provides public access. The project must also meet at least two of the five statutory conditions: Recreation, Habitat, Flood Management, Conversion to River Parkways, or Conservation and Interpretive Enhancement. The Berkshire Creek project in Hahamongna Watershed Park proposes the repair and modification of an urban storm drain at Berkshire Avenue that flows into the Hahamongna basin. The project will greatly restore and enhance a riparian oak woodland canyon that is currently severely deteriorated and impacted by excessive flows from the Berkshire Avenue storm drain. When repairs and modifications are completed, the quality of the habitat in the canyon will be greatly enhanced. The canyon bottom will function as an aesthetically pleasing creek. The quality of the water flowing into the Hahamongna basin and the Arroyo Seco stream course will be greatly improved. In addition, the recreational trails component of this project was funded by this program during the first round of funding in 2006. The projects trails will be restored to allow passage over the creek via a small recreational bridge crossing. There is no match required for this program. Project applications must be submitted by October 19, 2007.

The City has the funds necessary to operate and maintain both projects on an ongoing basis as part of the Department of Public Works' FY 2008 Operating Budget for Park Maintenance.

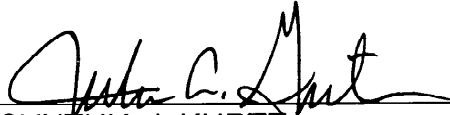
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Each project proposed is a project of the adopted Arroyo Seco Master Plans and has been evaluated by the Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) for the Arroyo Seco Master Plans, the Notice of Determination (NOD) filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk; and it adequately covers the Eastside Neighborhood and JPL Connector Trail Reconstruction project. A draft Initial Study for the Berkshire Creek project has been prepared and is ready to be filed with the County.

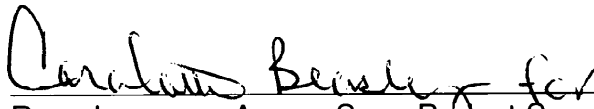
FISCAL IMPACT

The projects named are part of the Arroyo Seco Master Plans and the adopted CIP but are currently unfunded. The Berkshire Creek project currently has \$1,189,440 available for the project, and the additional funding will allow completion of the Berkshire Creek project in its entirety. Staff is seeking support for these grant programs in order to provide funding for these projects of community importance.

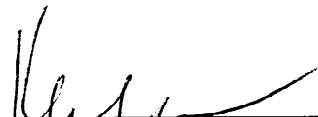
Respectfully submitted,


CYNTHIA J. KURTZ
City Manager

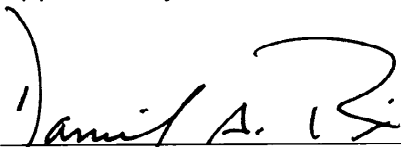
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Approved by:


Martin Pastucha, Director
Department of Public Works

Resolution No: _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA
RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE WATER SECURITY,
CLEAN DRINKING WATER, COASTAL AND BEACH PROTECTION ACT OF
2002 (Proposition 50) TO IMPLEMENT THE BERKSHIRE CREEK
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN HAHAMONGNA WATERSHED PARK

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided Funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the Resources Agency has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicants governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PASADENA CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Berkshire Creek Improvements Project.
2. Certifies that the City understands the assurances and certification in the application, and
3. Certifies that the City or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project(s) consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so, and
4. Certifies that it will comply with the provisions of Section 1771.8 of the State Labor Code regarding payment of prevailing wages on Projects awarded Proposition 50 Funds, and
5. If applicable, certifies that the Project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained, and

6. Appoints the City Manager or Director of Public Works as agent of the City of Pasadena to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project(s).

Approved and adopted on the _____ day of _____ 20____.

AYES:

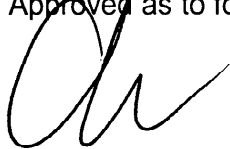
NOES

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Jane L. Rodriguez, CMC
City Clerk

Approved as to form:



9/13/07

Nicholas George Rodriguez
Assistant City Attorney

Resolution No: _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA
APPROVING THE APPLICATION TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE
RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT THE EASTSIDE
NEIGHBORHOOD AND JPL CONNECTOR TRAIL RECONSTRUCTION
PROJECT

WHEREAS, the "Safety, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users" provides funds to the State of California for Grants to federal, state, local and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trail Projects; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing Project Application under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant to certify by resolution the approval of Application(s) before submission of said Application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant will enter into a Contract with the State of California to complete the Project(s);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PASADENA CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approves the filing of an Application for the Recreational Trails Program; and
2. Certifies that the Project is consistent with the City's general plan or the equivalent planning document; and
3. Certifies that the City has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the Project(s) included in this Application, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project(s); and
4. Certifies that the City has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Procedural Guide; and
5. Appoints the City Manager or Director of Public Works as agent of the City to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to Applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the Project.

6. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2006, by the Vote:

AYES:

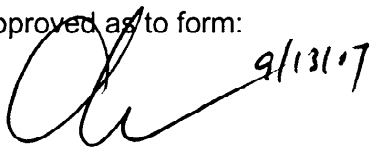
NOES:

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ABSTAIN;

Jane Rodriguez, CMC

Approved as to form:



Nicholas George Rodriguez
Assistant City Attorney