

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: November 17, 2008

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 Director of Transportation 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 North Marengo Avenue Bicycle Boulevard and to execute all necessary Agreements.

BACKGROUND

North Marengo Avenue Bicycle Boulevard

In November 2000, the Council adopted the Bicycle Master Plan (*Century of Bikes*), which envisions a well-connected bicycle network. In 2006, staff applied for the Caltrans Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) grant and was awarded the amount of \$450,000. The Agreement between Caltrans and the City was executed on July 19, 2006. 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, 2009.

Since the Agreement was signed, significant progress has been made in the concept and design of the Bicycle Boulevard. While the design phase has been progressing, the construction is not expected to begin until summer 2009 due to the need to relocate and reconstruct a storm drain including 100 feet of sidewalk and associated traffic signal modifications at the intersection of Marengo Avenue and Orange Grove Boulevard.

Under the current BTA grant, all bikeway installations must be completed and requests must be submitted by May 1, 2009. Staff is requesting a two-year extension

to May 2011. Due to the unforeseen complexities that are associated with any storm drain relocation and signal modification, we need additional time to resolve potential underground utility conflicts that may present themselves during the design and construction phases of the project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If a time extension is not pursued, additional funds would need to be provided to complete the projects as planned.

Respectfully submitted,



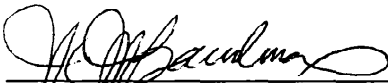
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