

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: January 25, 1999

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Approval to file Various Grant Applications from the 1999
Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Call for Projects

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize staff to submit grant applications to the MTA Call for Projects.
2. Adopt a resolution approving the submission of grant application for the 1999 MTA Call for Projects funds under the following categories:
 - Regional Surface Transportation Improvements
 - Signal Synchronization and Bus Speed Improvements
 - Transportation Demand Management (TDM)
 - Regional Bikeways and Pedestrian Improvements
 - Transit Capital
 - Transportation Enhancements

BACKGROUND:

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) is required by federal and state statutes to prepare a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Los Angeles County. The MTA is required to program revenues in the TIP across all transportation modes based on the planning requirements of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). The MTA accomplishes this mandate by planning and programming funds on a multi-modal basis through the TIP Call for Projects, the TIP Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP), the TIP Local Program, and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The applications represent the City's commitment to resolving transportation, environmental and air quality problems as outlined in the City's General Plan.

The proposed projects expand on existing transportation systems as well as provide new and innovative transportation services. Utilizing progressive planning, several proposals have been prepared to enhance and increase accessibility to Pasadena's light rail stations. Each of the projects supports the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's plan for improving regional mobility.

Below is a prioritized project description of the proposed grant applications in each category under the MTA Call for Projects. The subcommittee of the Transportation Advisory Commission has reviewed the following list and supports staff's recommendation to proceed with the grant application process for the the following projects (Detailed itemized description and cost listed in Appendix A - Attached):

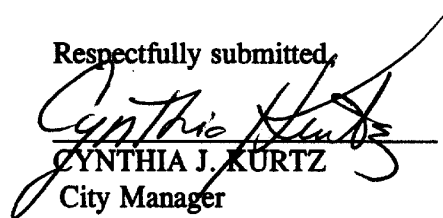
- **Regional Surface Transportation Improvements**
 - 1. Fair Oaks Avenue Urban Corridor \$2,610,000
- **Signal Synchronization & Bus Speed Improvements**
 - 1. Lake Avenue Corridor and Del Mar Boulevard
Corridor Signal System Upgrades \$ 930,000
- **Transportation Demand Management (TDM)**
 - 1. Operating Costs related to three Alternative Fuel Shuttles \$ 300,000
- **Regional Bikeways and Pedestrian Improvements**
 - 1. Advanced Bicycle Detection System/Marengo Bikeway Project \$ 190,000
 - 2. Advanced Bicycle Detection System/ Allen Bikeway Project \$ 125,000
 - 3. Pedestrian Linkage Surrounding Blue Line Transit Stations \$ 250,000
 - 4. Lighted Crosswalk System - Crosswalk Protection \$ 100,000
- **Transit Capital**
 - 1. Purchase five 30 foot long Medium Duty (CNG) Transit Buses for
Expansion of the ARTS service \$1,100,000
 - 2. Purchase three Alternative Fuel Shuttle Buses \$ 300,000
- **Transportation Enhancements**
 - 1. Continue Safe Moves Program \$ 100,000
 - 2. Develop Bicycle Safety Brochures for Children, Teens and Adults \$ 40,000

FISCAL IMPACT:

MTA application grants are recommended to be submitted for possible funding to the City of up to \$4,696,000 in the 1999 MTA Call for Projects funds. Matching local funds are required and could possibly come from one or more of the following sources: Proposition A and C Local Return for future projects, AQMD, Federal Surface Transportation Program, Transportation Development Act Article Three (TDA), Gas Tax funds and Commercial Development Fees.

However, because of the number of cities and organizations competing for the transportation funds, staff does not anticipate receiving funding for every grant. Should the City be awarded any of the grants, staff will then return to the Council for approval of the projects and to request that revenues be recognized and appropriated to the proper budget accounts. Grants Awarded FY 1999-00 are subject to lapse on June 30, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,



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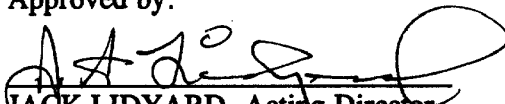
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