

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: January 25, 1999

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Approval to file Various Grant Applications from the 1999
Bicycle Lane Account

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the submission of grant applications for the 1999 Bicycle Lane Account
 - (a) Advanced Bicycle Detection System - Marengo Avenue
(North to South City Limits) - Pilot Project
 - (b) Advanced Bicycle Detection System - Allen Avenue
(Orange Grove to Del Mar Boulevards) - Pilot Project
 - (c) Repaint all existing bike lanes and remove and replace all bicycle signs
throughout the existing Bikeway System
2. Authorize the City Manager to submit grant applications.

BACKGROUND:

The Legislature created the Bicycle Lane Account (BLA) program in 1972 to provide funds to local agencies (cities and counties) for projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters. The BLA is a competitive annual program. The Caltrans Bicycle Facilities Unit administers the program with help from the 12 Caltrans districts.

The 1998/99 BLA Program combines fiscal years 1998/99 and 1999/00 and provides \$1.78 million to local agencies. To be eligible, a local agency must first adopt a bicycle transportation plan with elements required in Streets and Highways Code Section 891.2 and have it approved by its regional transportation planning agency (Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Caltrans).

A local agency must provide 10 percent of the total project cost. For this program cycle, a local agency may receive up to \$195,000 from fiscal year 1998-99 funds or up to \$250,000 from fiscal year 1999/00 funds.

Staff is also submitting the Bicycle Lane Grant Projects through the MTA Call for Projects in the event that these projects are not considered for funding under the Caltrans Bicycle Lane Account. Bicycle transportation plans and grant applications are due to Caltrans by January 31, 1999. Caltrans will announce the grant awards by July 1, 1999 and notify all applicants.

The Transportation Advisory Commission reviewed and supported staff's recommendation for the Bicycle Lane Account applications at their January 13, 1999 meeting to include:

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| 1. Advanced Bicycle Detection System - Marengo Avenue Project Pilot Project | \$190,000 |
| 2. Advanced Bicycle Detection System - Allen Avenue Project Pilot Project | \$125,000 |
| 3. Repaint all existing bike lanes and remove and replace all bicycle signs citywide. | \$ 68,000 |

Total project costs are: \$383,000

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bicycle detection projects and the repainting and resigning of the existing Bikeway System are recommended for possible funding to the City of up to \$344,700 from the Caltrans Bicycle Lane Account (BLA) with a local 10 percent match of \$38,300 paid from the Bikeway Development Account No. 75327.


Respectfully submitted,


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