

STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. 15
CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: October 20, 2010

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Development Services Department

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING \$63,320 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM AWARDED TO THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE FOR THE SRTS-LINCOLN/PALMQUIST SCHOOLS PROJECT AND APPROVAL TO APPROPRIATE THESE FUNDS TO THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that City Council adopt a resolution accepting \$63,320 in grant funds from the Federal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program awarded to the City of Oceanside for traffic-calming improvements on California Street for Lincoln Middle School and Palmquist Elementary School; and approve the appropriation of these funds to the Development Services Department.

BACKGROUND

Lincoln Middle School and Palmquist Elementary School are located along California Street, a widely used collector road in Oceanside. California Street serves as a main route to both Lincoln Middle School and Palmquist Elementary School, and to the surrounding neighborhoods. As shown on the attached photo, the schools are located across the street from each other with a common striped crosswalk, across California Street, that the students use commuting to and from school.

California Street has had several requests for traffic-calming largely due to speeding, improper turning movements, and/or right-of-way violations. These requests have come from residents in the surrounding area and from school officials.

Over the past few years, the Oceanside Unified School District (OUSD) has experienced budget restraints reducing the number of buses available to schools. Therefore the number of students walking and riding their bikes to school has increased. As a result of this the City decided to pursue a Safe Routes to School grant to fund traffic-calming improvements on California Street between Hunsaker and Ridgeway Streets.

ANALYSIS

In July 2008, staff completed and submitted a grant request for the second cycle of the Federal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program. The grant application was for the installation of traffic-calming devices on California Street, between Hunsaker and Ridgeway Streets, for Lincoln Middle School and Palmquist Elementary School. The proposed traffic-calming devices included the installation of two sets of curb pop-outs, a median, and two radar feedback signs. Curb pop-outs and the median will narrow the roadway thereby providing a safer area for students to cross the street. Radar feedback signs will act as a visual warning for drivers to decrease their travel speeds.

In October 2008, staff was informed that the City of Oceanside's grant request was awarded in the amount of \$63,320 for Lincoln Middle School and Palmquist Elementary School traffic-calming improvements. Staff's grant request was one of the eight projects awarded out of forty-nine that were submitted for the second cycle of the Federal Safe Routes to School Program.

After City staff received notification of the approved grant request staff started working with the OUSD to move forward with the project. At that time, staff was made aware of the OUSD's modernization projects to several school locations, which included Lincoln Middle School and Palmquist Elementary School. Lincoln Elementary School was scheduled to have improvements made to their campus during the 2009-2010 school year, with Palmquist Elementary School improvements scheduled for a later date. As part of the school modernization projects, existing driveways and sidewalks were being relocated. This impacted the City's original grant request, therefore City staff decided to wait until the modernization improvements were finalized to continue with the SRTS project. That resulted in a delay of the project until August 2010. Now that Lincoln Middle School's modernization improvement project has been completed, and Palmquist Elementary School's improvement plans have been finalized, City staff can resume the project.

FISCAL IMPACT

Grant funds in the amount of \$63,320 will be appropriated to the SRTS-Lincoln/Palmquist Schools Project account (917113800273.5300). This grant will provide funding to be used for the installation of traffic-calming devices on California Street for Lincoln Middle School and Palmquist Elementary School. The Federal Safe Routes to School Program provides a fully funded grant that does not require any local agency matching funds.

Infrastructure project costs are budgeted as follows:

Preliminary Engineering Costs	
PS&E	\$8,000
Construction Costs	
Construction	\$45,560
Construction Engineering	\$4,000
Subtotal	\$57,560
Contingency	\$5,760
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Total Project Cost	\$63,320

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

Does not apply.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

The referenced documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

RECOMMENDATION

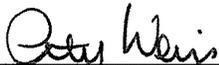
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PREPARED BY:



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 Assistant Engineer

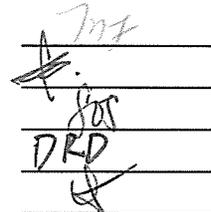
SUBMITTED BY:



 Peter A. Weiss
 City Manager

REVIEWED BY:

Michelle Skaggs Lawrence, Deputy City Manager
 George Buell, Development Services Director
 Scott O. Smith, City Engineer
 David DiPierro, City Traffic Engineer
 Teri Ferro, Financial Services Director
 Attachment:



Aerial Photo of Project Location
 Resolution

1 RESOLUTION NO.

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
3 OCEANSIDE ACCEPTING FEDERAL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL
4 PROGRAM FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,320 FOR THE SRTS-
5 LINCOLN/PALMQUIST SCHOOLS PROJECT

6 WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside decided to pursue a Safe Routes to School grant to
7 fund traffic calming improvements to California Street between Hunsaker Street and Ridgeway
8 Street; and

9 WHEREAS, the Federal Safe Routes to School Program provides funding to emphasize
10 community collaboration in the development of projects that increase the number of children
11 who walk or bicycle to school by removing the barriers that currently prevent them from doing
12 so, which includes lack of infrastructure, inadequate existing infrastructure, and lack of
13 programs that promote walking and bicycling through education/encouragement programs
14 aimed at children, parents, and the community; and

15 WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside has been awarded \$63,320 from the Federal Safe
16 Routes to School Program for traffic calming improvements on California Street for Lincoln
17 Middle School and Palmquist Elementary School;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oceanside does resolve as follows:

19 SECTION 1. The Federal Safe Routes to School Program funds in the amount of
20 \$63,320 are accepted and will be budgeted to the project account.

21 SECTION 2. The City Manager or his designee is appointed as agent of the City to
22 conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to,
23 applications, agreements, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of
24 the project funded under the Federal Safe Routes to School Program.

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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California,
2 this _____ day of _____, 2010, by the following vote:

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4 AYES:

5 NAYS:

6 ABSENT:

7 ABSTAIN:

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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

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10 ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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