

STAFF REPORT*CITY OF OCEANSIDE*

DATE: November 19, 2008

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Neighborhood Services Department

SUBJECT: **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT (BTA) GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE SAN LUIS REY RIVER TRAIL PHASE II PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$425,000**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing application for competitive grant funds to the Bicycle Transportation Account Grant Program (BTA) for the extension of the San Luis Rey River Trail Phase II in the amount of \$425,000.

BACKGROUND

The Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) provides State funds for city and county projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters. The program is consistent with the Legislature's intent when it adopted the California Bicycle Transportation Act. The Bicycle Facilities Unit in the Division of Local Assistance administers the BTA.

The City Council approved and adopted the Recreational Trails Element, a Sub-Element of the Circulation Element, on January 24, 1996. The San Luis Rey River Trail Project supports Goal 2 of the Recreational Trails Element, to have a safe, interconnected network of bicycle facilities within Oceanside. The San Luis Rey River Trail (SLRRT) follows the southern side of the San Luis Rey River. The trail is classified as a Class 1 bikeway and is paved from its beginning at the intersection of Neptune and Cleveland Streets to Andrew Jackson Street at which point the trail becomes a Class 3 bicycle route through residential streets to Tyler Street. The SLRRT Project recently completed Phase I which included a repaving of a segment from College Boulevard to Andrew Jackson Street as well as street signage through the residential streets.

ANALYSIS

The City is an eligible applicant for BTA funding with a resolution certifying that a ten percent match of funds will be available to complete the project. Currently, the City of Oceanside is a joint recipient (with Mission Resource Conservation District, (MRCD)) of funding from the State-administered River Parkways Grant to extend the trail from College Boulevard to North Santa Fe Avenue. The River Parkways grant funds will fulfill the match requirement.

Staff has conducted several community meetings during the development of the overall trail extension and will be holding two more meetings in early December 2008. Phase II of the project is the portion for which application for funds will be made and will include grading, paving, striping and signage over an existing sewer easement from Tyler Street to North Santa Fe Avenue. The existing sewer easement lies within County of San Diego parks property. The County supports the further development of the San Luis Rey River Trail and is currently administering an expanded easement agreement for this development. The San Luis Rey River Trail Extension Phase II, which will provide a safe and convenient route for bicycle commuters, qualifies for funding under the BTA.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total project costs are estimated to be \$675,000. The MRCD River Parkways Grant will reimburse \$250,000 of Phase II trail construction. With a grant allocation of \$425,000, the project will be fully funded.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

The Bicycle Committee has attended community meetings in support of the extension of the San Luis Rey River Trail and has shown support of the project throughout its duration. Additionally, the Bicycle Committee will discuss the application to the BTA at its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 17, 2008.

CITY ATTORNEY ANALYSIS

The referenced resolution has been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing application for competitive grant funds to the Bicycle Transportation Account Grant Program (BTA) for the extension of the San Luis Rey River Trail Phase II.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE SAN LUIS REY RIVER TRAIL PHASE II PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) provides State funds for projects that improve the safety and convenience for bicycle commuters;

WHEREAS, the BTA procedure requires applicants to certify by resolution that a ten percent minimum of matching funds are budgeted to complete the project;

WHEREAS, the San Luis Rey River Trail Phase II Project is an eligible project and is budgeted in the Parks CIP (598) budget with sufficient funds to provide a ten percent local match to the grant request.

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

SECTION 1. The filing of an application for the Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) to fund the Extension of the San Luis Rey River Trail-Phase II is approved.

SECTION 2. The City of Oceanside has available, sufficient funds to match the grant request and operate and maintain the project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California, this _____ day of _____, 2008 by the following vote:

- AYES:
- NAYS:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTAIN:

Mayor Of The City Of Oceanside

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Clerk


City Attorney