

# STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. **10**  
CITY OF OCEANSIDE

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DATE: March 15, 2006

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Public Works Department

SUBJECT: **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS FOR GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT AND TRANSNET LOCAL SALES TAX PROGRAM**

## **SYNOPSIS**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the resolution authorizing application for competitive grant funds in an amount up to \$1,500,000 under the Transportation Development Act (TDA) and the TransNet local sales tax program, for the extension of the San Luis Rey River Trail.

## **BACKGROUND**

Each year, the SANDAG Board of Directors allocates funds under the TDA and TransNet local sales tax program to support non-motorized transportation projects in the San Diego region. In the summer of 2003, the City of Oceanside accepted funding through this program for FY 2004 to install improvements to the San Luis Rey River Trail. The improvements that were made consisted of projects such as striping, signage and the printing of brochures for the established portion of trail from Pacific Street to College Boulevard. SANDAG has now sent out a call for projects on February 6, 2006 for the FY 2007 program.

Additionally, a citizen's committee that was formed in the summer of 2002 is still in existence today and meets with staff on a monthly basis. The citizen's committee provides staff with recommendations on how to increase resident awareness as well as utilization of the San Luis Rey River Trail. The existing Class I trail is viewed as an important community asset and a legitimate transportation route within the City. In accordance with the goals and objectives of the City's Recreational Trails Element a sub-element of the Circulation Element which was adopted by the City Council in January 1994, a feasibility study has been prepared for the San Luis Rey River Trail extension from College Boulevard to Melrose Drive. The feasibility study will be used as part of our grant proposal to SANDAG and has allowed staff to coordinate potential and critical alignments with the San Diego County Parks and Recreation Department as well as the City of Vista.

**ANALYSIS**

The City is an eligible applicant for SANDAG funding opportunities with authorization through resolution. The City’s Recreational Trails Element and the Bicycle Master Plan (Attachment II) call for the San Luis Rey River Trail to stretch from the beach all the way to the eastern boundary of the City. The proposed grant application is requesting funds to design and build the Class I trail from College Boulevard to Melrose Drive. From College Boulevard to North Santa Fe the proposed trail would primarily use City sewer easements. From North Santa Fe to Melrose Drive the trail would use agricultural roads located on San Diego County Parks and Recreation Department land and would have potential connections to Guajome Park. In addition, the proposed trail extension would connect with the proposed trail system at the Hi Hope Ranch Project at Melrose Drive and future alignments with the City of Vista to the Sprinter Rail Trail. The extension of the San Luis Rey River Trail within the City of Oceanside boundaries is a critical link to non-motorized connections that will ultimately reach the Interstate 15 corridor.

Staff anticipates conducting community meetings for the proposed project during spring of 2006 which will enable the City to address community issues and inform the neighborhood of the benefits of trails and bikeways. The length of the proposed trail extension from College to North Santa Fe is approximately 1.7 miles and from North Santa Fe to Melrose Drive is approximately 0.9 miles. The proposed extension would add an additional 2.6 miles to the existing 7.2 mile trail, totaling almost 10 miles of Class I Bicycle trail within the City of Oceanside.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The total project costs equal \$1,603,420. The Parks CIP fund has a secured allocation of \$113,000. With a grant allocation not to exceed \$1,500,000, the project will be fully funded. If the City of Oceanside does not receive a full allocation from SANDAG, the City could use the partial funding to complete preliminary work and Phase I or have a general fund obligation to complete the entire project. The project phase costs are as follows:

Design and Engineering	Phase I and II	\$223,000
Phase I	College Blvd to N. Santa Fe Road	\$730,489
Phase II	N. Santa Fe Road to Melrose	\$739,931

**COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT**

Does not apply.

**CITY ATTORNEY ANALYSIS**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the resolution authorizing application for competitive grant funds in an amount up to \$1,500,000 under the Transportation Development Act (TDA) and the TransNet local sales tax program, for the extension of the San Luis Rey River Trail.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment I: Resolution
- Attachment II: Bicycle Master Plan

1 RESOLUTION NO.

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
3 OCEANSIDE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT  
4 FUNDS UNDER THE FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION  
5 DEVELOPMENT ACT AND TRANSNET BICYCLE AND  
6 PEDESTRIAN PROJECTS

7 WHEREAS, the SANDAG Board of Directors allocates funds under the Transportation  
8 Development Act (TDA) and the TransNet local sales tax program to support non-motorized  
9 transportation projects in the San Diego region;

10 WHEREAS, the SANDAG Department of Land Use and Transportation Planning has  
11 been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the TDA and TransNet Bicycle and  
12 Pedestrian Projects Program;

13 WHEREAS, the call for projects procedures established by the Department of Land Use  
14 and Transportation Planning require the claimant's governing body to certify by resolution the  
15 authorization of project claim;

16 WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside has an approved Recreational Trails Element as a  
17 Sub-Element of the Circulation Element that identifies the priority for implementation of the  
18 San Luis Rey River Trail, a class-I bicycle trail to the Eastern borders of the City;

19 WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside intends to apply for funds from the TDA and  
20 TransNet Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects Program for the extension of the San Luis Rey River  
21 Trail from College Blvd to North Santa Fe Road and further onto a City easement within the  
22 County of San Diego jurisdiction; and

23 WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside intends to cooperate with County of San Diego  
24 officials for the extension of the San Luis Rey River Trail.

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

26 SECTION 1. The filing of applications for local assistance funds from the  
27 Transportation Development Act and TransNet local sales tax program is approved.

28 SECTION 2. The City of Oceanside has or will have sufficient funds to operate and  
maintain any project funded from the Transportation Development Act and TransNet Grant  
Program.

1 SECTION 3. The City of Oceanside certifies that any project funded from the  
2 Transportation Development Act and TransNet Program meets the objectives of all applicable  
3 elements of the General Plan of the City of Oceanside.

4 SECTION 6. The City Manager or his designee is appointed as agent of the City to  
5 conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to,  
6 applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the  
7 completion of projects funded under the FY 2007 Transportation Development Act and  
8 TransNet Bicycle and Pedestrian Program.

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10 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California,  
11 this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006 by the following vote:

- 12 AYES:
- 13 NAYS:
- 14 ABSENT:
- 15 ABSTAIN:

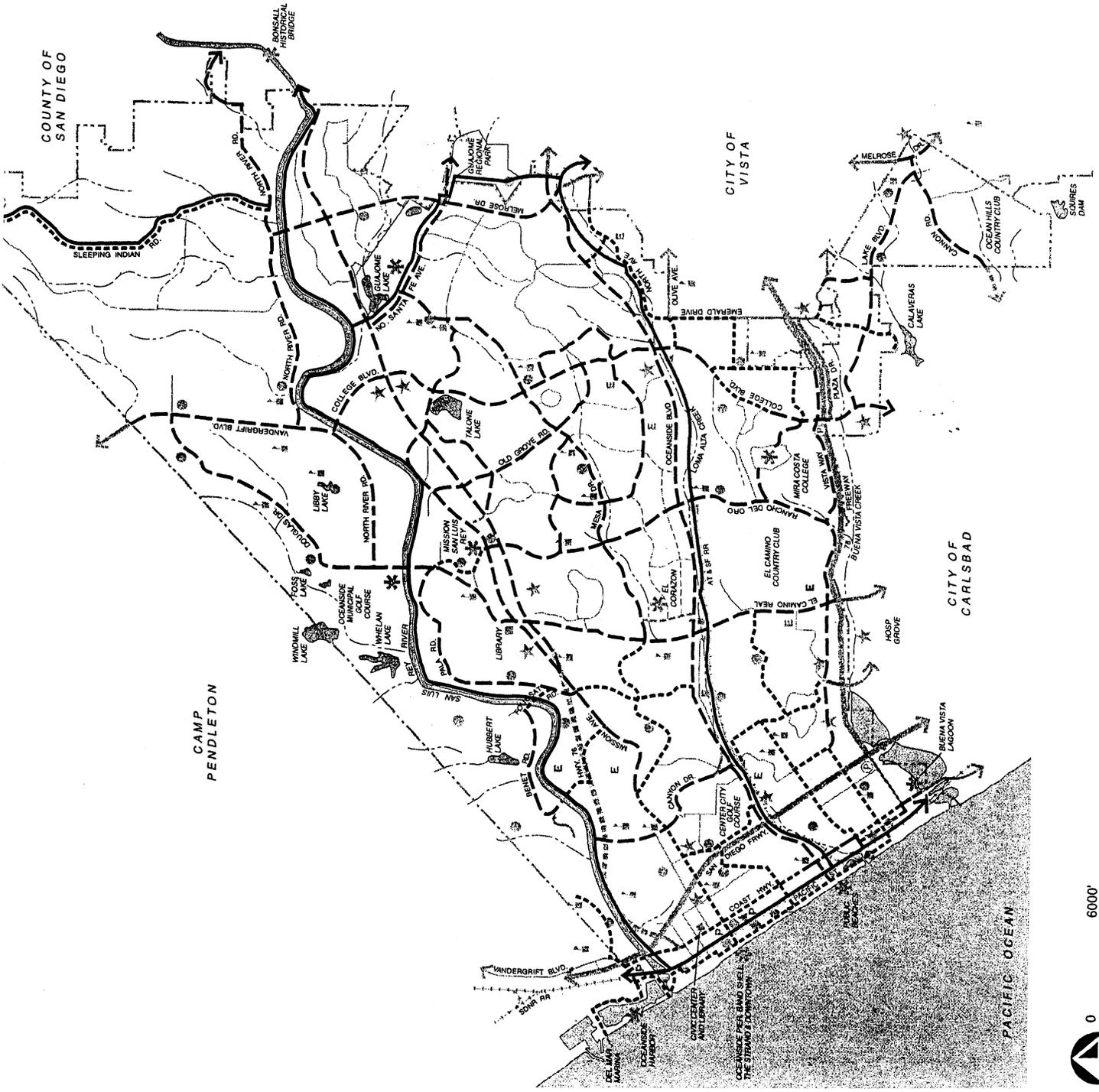
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19 Mayor Of The City Of Oceanside

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21 ATTEST:

22 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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25 City Clerk

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28 City Attorney



LEGEND

-  Class I Bike Trail
-  Class II Bike Trail
-  Class III Bike Trail

CITY OF OCEANSIDE  
**Bicycle Circulation  
 Master Plan**  
 EXHIBIT 2

