

STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. 14
CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: May 6, 2009

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Neighborhood Services Department

SUBJECT: **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE FY 2010 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT AND TRANSNET BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN (TDA) GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE SAN LUIS REY RIVER TRAIL PHASE II PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600,000**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing application for competitive grant funds in the amount of \$600,000 to the Transportation Development Act and TransNet Bicycle and Pedestrian (TDA) grant program for the extension of the San Luis Rey River Trail Phase II.

BACKGROUND

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) annually administers the Transportation Development Act and TransNet Bicycle and Pedestrian (TDA) grant program. The TDA provides local sales tax funds for city and county nonmotorized transportation programs.

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 City Council approved The City of Oceanside Bicycle Master Plan on December 17, 2008. The San Luis Rey River Trail Extension Project is listed as a top priority Class I Bike Path project in Section 3.11.1 of the Bicycle Master Plan.

Following the southern side of the San Luis Rey River, the San Luis Rey River Trail (SLRRT) 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 the repaving of a segment from

College Boulevard to Andrew Jackson Street as well as street signage through the residential streets. Phase II of the project has completed final design and engineering and will continue the trail with a Class I segment from Tyler Street to North Santa Fe Road.

ANALYSIS

The City is an eligible applicant for TDA funding with a resolution authorizing application. 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 and for Riparian Restoration and Flood Risk Prevention in the San Luis Rey River adjacent to the trail extension. A completion date of February 28, 2010, is anticipated for the combined projects.

Staff with the Bicycle Committee, has conducted several community meetings during the development of the overall trail extension including two meetings in December 2008 with property owners adjacent to the Phase II segment. As an outcome from the community meetings, a majority of the neighbors present reached an overall consensus for the development of the Phase II portion of SLRRT Extension Project and felt that there was a need for the project.

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, providing for nonmotorized transportation for bicycle commuters, qualifies for funding under the TDA.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total project costs are estimated to be \$600,000. The MRCD River Parkways Grant will reimburse \$250,000 of Phase II trail construction. However, the State has a freeze on those bond funds at this time. Additionally, the City currently has a pending grant application for the Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) through Caltrans in the amount of \$425,000 for the same project.

With uncertainty of the availability of other grant funds, Staff recommends application for the full amount of the project costs, in the amount of \$600,000 to fully fund the project.

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.

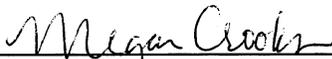
CITY ATTORNEY ANALYSIS

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

RECOMMENDATION

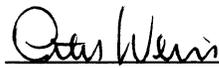
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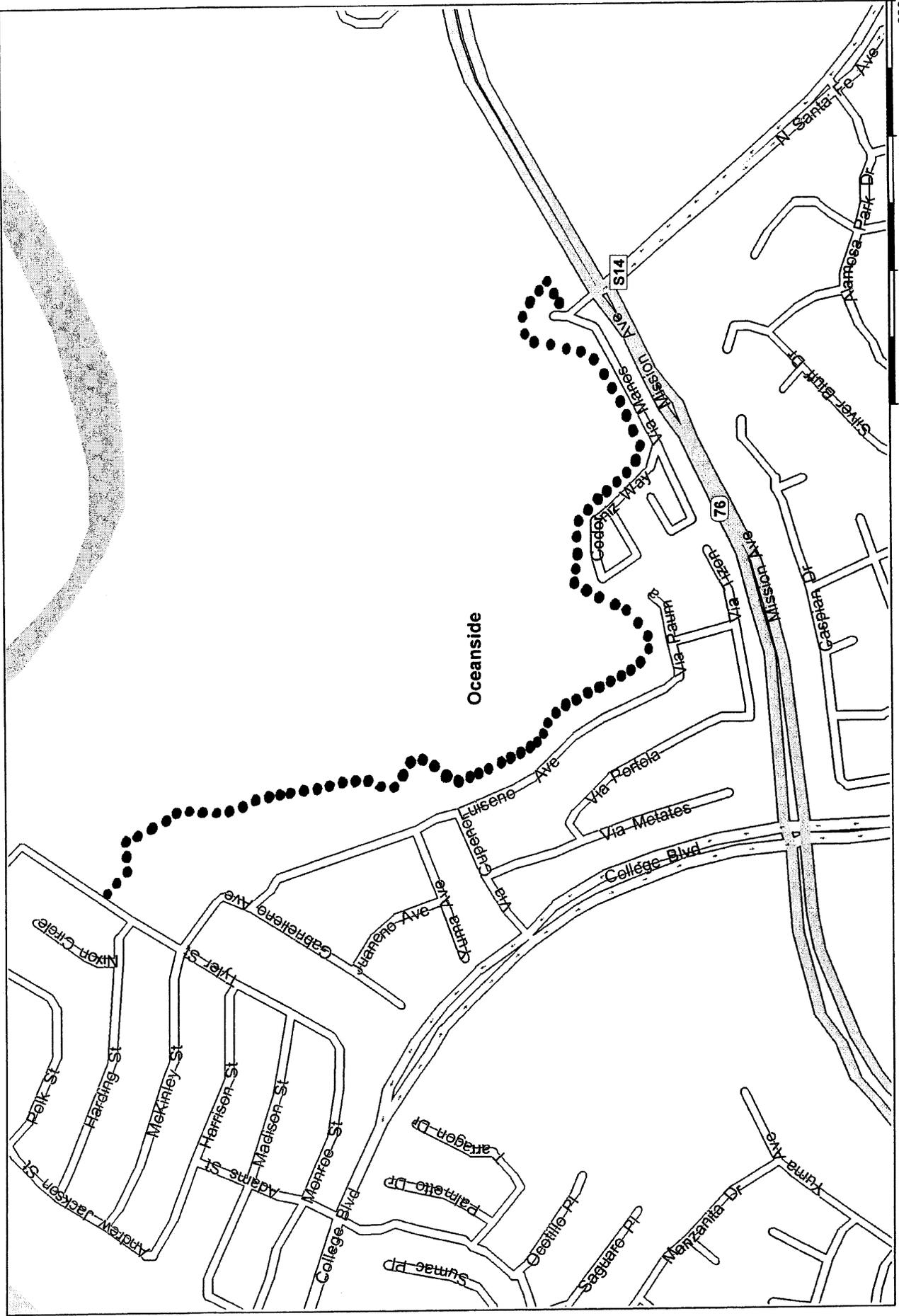
Scott O. Smith, City Engineer



ATTACHMENTS:

Project Location Map
Resolution

Oceanside, California, United States



1 RESOLUTION NO.

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
3 OCEANSIDE AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR
4 GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600,000 TO THE FY
5 2010 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT AND
6 TRANSNET BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN GRANT PROGRAM
7 FOR THE SAN LUIS REY RIVER TRAIL EXTENSION PHASE 2

8 WHEREAS, the SANDAG Board of Directors allocates funds under the Transportation
9 Development Act (TDA) and TransNet local sales tax program for non-motorized
10 transportation programs;

11 WHEREAS, the City Council approved The City of Oceanside Bicycle Master Plan on
12 December 17, 2008;

13 WHEREAS, such Master Plan includes the extension of the San Luis Rey River Trail as
14 a top priority project;

15 WHEREAS, the procedures established by SANDAG require the applicant's governing
16 body to certify by resolution the authorization of the applicant to apply for funds from the TDA
17 and TransNet Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Program;

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

19 SECTION 1. The submission of an application for local assistance funds from the TDA
20 and TransNet Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Program is authorized.

21 SECTION 2. The City of Oceanside has or will have available sufficient funds to
22 operate and maintain projects funded from the Grant Program.

23 SECTION 3. The City of Oceanside certifies that the San Luis Rey River Trail
24 Extension Phase 2 conforms to the Bicycle Master Plan and to applicable elements of the
25 General Plan of the City of Oceanside.

26 SECTION 4. The City Manager or his designee is appointed as agent of the City to
27 conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to,
28 applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the
completion of projects funded under the TDA/TransNet Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Program.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California,
this _____ day of _____, 2009 by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mayor Of The City Of Oceanside

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Clerk



City Attorney