

STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. **17**
CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: September 20, 2006
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Neighborhood Services Department
SUBJECT: **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$420,000 FROM THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing application for competitive grant funds in the amount of \$420,000 from the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) for the extension of the San Luis Rey River Trail.

BACKGROUND

The RTP is a local assistance program of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) defined at the federal level by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users. Within the State of California, the Department of Parks and Recreation is authorized to administer the program. The RTP provides funds to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities. In 2005, Congress reauthorized the RTP nationwide including \$70 million in FY 2006.

ANALYSIS

The City is an eligible applicant for RTP funding 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. 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 MRCD grant includes approximately \$80,000 of funding for wooden privacy fencing to separate residents' yards from exposure to the trail, while also providing a more secluded and serene environment for the trail user. However, a more permanent and solid fence is needed as well as additional directional signs and interpretive signage. These items will enhance the project to the desired level. As trail-related components, these items qualify for funding under the RTP.

Staff anticipates conducting community meetings during Fall 2006, which will enable the City to address community issues and inform the neighborhood of the benefits of the trail and bikeway, such as increased property value and safe routes to schools. The length of the proposed trail extension from College Boulevard to North Santa Fe Avenue is approximately 1.7 miles, creating a non-stop, Class-I bicycle trail for 8.9 miles.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total project costs equal \$1,105,000. As part of the FY 06-07 Parks CIP Budget, \$90,000 has been appropriated for trail design and environmental review. The MRCDC River Parkways Grant will reimburse \$595,000 of trail construction. With a grant allocation of \$420,000, the project enhancements will be fully funded.

Design and Engineering	\$90,000	FY 06-07 Parks CIP
Trail Construction	\$595,000	River Parkways Grant
Fencing	\$410,000	RTP
Signage	\$10,000	RTP

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

The City Council approved and adopted the Recreational Trails Element, a Sub-Element of the Circulation Element, on January 24, 1996.

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 in the amount of \$420,000 from the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) for the extension of the San Luis Rey River Trail.

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ATTACHMENTS:

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

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE SAN LUIS REY RIVER TRAIL

WHEREAS, the “Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users” provides funds to the State of California for Grants to state, local and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trail purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing Project Application under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application before submission of said Application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California for the Per Capita Grant Program;

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

SECTION 1. The submission of an application for the Recreational Trails Program to fund the Extension of the San Luis Rey River Trail is approved.

SECTION 2. The City of Oceanside has or will have available prior to commencement of work on the project included in the application, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project funded from the Recreational Trails Program.

SECTION 3. The City of Oceanside has reviewed, understands and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Recreational Trails Program Procedural Guide.

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1 SECTION 4. The City Manager or his designee is appointed as agent to conduct all
2 negotiations, execute and submit all documents including but not limited to applications,
3 agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the
4 completion of the project.

5 SECTION 5. The City of Oceanside agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state
6 and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

7 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California,
8 this _____ day of _____, 2006 by the following vote:

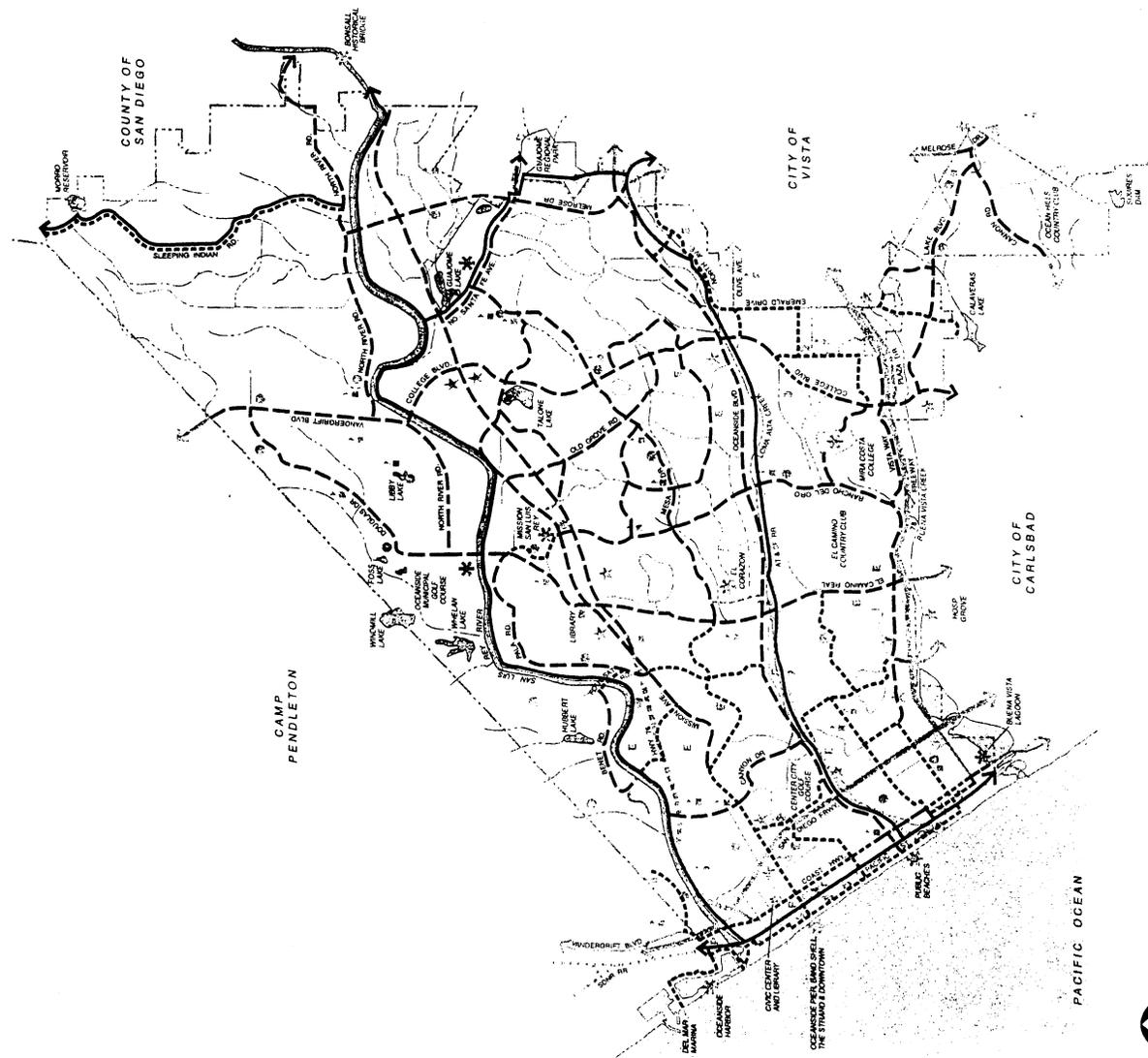
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10 NAYS:
11 ABSENT:
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16 Mayor Of The City Of Oceanside

17 ATTEST:
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20 City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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22 *Barbara Hamilton, Ass't.*
23 City Attorney
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LEGEND

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

CITY OF OCEANSIDE
**Bicycle Circulation
 Master Plan**

EXHIBIT 2

