

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
CITY OF OCEANSIDE**

**ITEM TITLE: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS THROUGH THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG) FOR THE MISSION AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**SYNOPSIS**

Staff recommends that the Oversight Board adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of an application one for the Active Transportation Program Grant Funds through SANDAG.

**BACKGROUND**

In 2002, the City's conducted study called the "Walkable Communities" for the downtown area. The study was to make the downtown more pedestrian friendly. One of the primary recommendations was to slow down the traffic on Mission Avenue increasing the walk-ability and making pedestrian travel much safer. In order to accomplish this, sidewalks needed to be widened to accommodate street improvements such as landscaping, lighting, bulb outs at intersections, street furniture, etc.

In 2009, the CDC approved Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc. to assist the City in analyzing Mission Ave. and the various alternatives to create a design that met all of the needs to accommodate a more pedestrian friendly/walkable street, while still meeting the traffic and circulation criteria.

Due to the many components of the project staff thought it would be prudent to meet with representatives from Planning, Arts, Economics, Transportation, and Bike commissions and MainStreet to form a consensus related to several issues.

On December 14, 2011, the City Council approved a resolution adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and approving General Plan Amendment to the Circulation Element for a reclassification of Mission Avenue from a Major and Secondary Arterial (four-lanes two-way) to a Collector (two-lanes one-way westbound), from Clementine Street to Cleveland Street and Coastal Permit for the General Plan Amendment and improvements to Mission Avenue, Seagaze Drive, Clementine and Cleveland Streets On December January 26, 2011, the CDC approved a PSA with KHA to provide for the General Plan Amendment for the Circulation Element update, environmental documentation and construction drawings for the improvements to Mission Avenue.

The City Active Transportation grants will be awarded on a competitive basis. Only cities and the County of San Diego are eligible recipients of the grant funds. There are approximately \$8.8 million in Active Transportation Grant funds to award in this round. The funds will be allocated to capital and non-capital projects as follows: Capital – 75% of total funding available (\$6.6 million) Projects will be ranked and awarded funding in order. A maximum of \$4 million is available to fund projects over \$500,000.

The total amount of funding requested by each applicant cannot exceed the total available for Capital grants (\$6.6 million). Each grant amount request cannot exceed \$1.5 million. There is no minimum grant amount request. Applicants requesting more than \$1 million are required to submit a phasing plan that prioritizes project elements. SANDAG reserves the right to partially fund grants, and to fund less than

### **ANALYSIS**

The Redevelopment Agency had several projects proposed within the downtown. With the elimination of Redevelopment, the City had to prioritize these projects. On March 28, 2012, the City Council determined the Mission Avenue Improvements Project was the number one priority project. The City has limited access to funding; therefore, staff is applying for grants to assist in leveraging funds, to complete as many projects as feasible.

The City is seeking grant funds from SANDAG for the Mission Avenue Improvement Project: The proposed project consists of street improvements for Mission Avenue from Clementine Street to Cleveland Street. The street improvements will include bulb-outs, landscaping, curb and gutter, traffic signals, storm water improvement, bio-swales, street lights and street furniture. Staff estimates the total cost of the Mission Avenue Improvement Project at \$3.96 million (\$659,000 for design and \$3.3 million for construction). The construction costs for the first phase (between Clementine Street and Coast Highway) have been estimated at \$2.2 million. Staff is seeking a construction grant in the amount of \$1.5 million, and proposes to match \$700,000 in bond funds to finance the balance of phase 1 of the project. Future use of these bond funds would require consent from the Department of Finance

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

\$2.2 million in Redevelopment Bond funds have been set aside for the Mission Avenue Improvements; therefore, there are sufficient funds available to provide the \$700,000 matching funds.

### **CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Oversight Board adopt the resolutions authorizing the filing of an application for the Smart Growth Incentive Program Funds through SANDAG.

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**EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG) FOR THE MISSION AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, \$6.6 million of SANDAG Active Transportation Grant Program funds are available to local jurisdictions in Fiscal Years 2012-2013; and

WHEREAS, the Oversight Board did on June 26, 2012 review said grant application; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside wishes to receive \$1.5 million for the Mission Avenue Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside understands that the SANDAG Active Transportation Grant Program funding is fixed at the programmed amount, and therefore any cost increase cannot be expected to be funded through the Active Transportation Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside understands that the SANDAG funding through the Active Transportation Grant Program shall not be used to replace other private developer funding that has been or will be committed for any project;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Oversight Board to the Successor Agency of the City of Oceanside does resolve as follows:

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1. The Successor Agency is authorized to provide matching funds of \$700,000 in existing tax exempt bond proceeds for the Active Transportation Grant Program subject to the lack of objection from the State Department of Finance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be transmitted to SANDAG.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Oversight Board to the Successor Agency of the City of Oceanside this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Secretary