



DATE: July 5, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: City Manager's Office

SUBJECT: **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 City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of an application 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.

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.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORT

The Oversight Board reviewed this item at its June 26, 2012 meeting. Any action or recommendations by the Board will be reported verbally.

CITY ATTORNEY'S 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 the filing of an application for the Active Transportation Program Grant Funds through SANDAG.

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SUBMITTED BY:


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City Manager

REVIEWED BY:

Michelle Skaggs-Lawrence, Deputy City Manager



ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for the Active Transportation Program Grant Funds through SANDAG.

1 RESOLUTION NO.

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
3 OCEANSIDE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION
4 FOR THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS
5 THROUGH THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
6 (SANDAG) FOR THE MISSION AVENUE IMPROVEMENT
7 PROJECT AND ACCEPTING THE TERMS OF THE GRANT
8 AGREEMENT

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

11 WHEREAS, the Oversight Board of the City of Oceanside Successor Agency
12 did on June 26, 2012 review said grant application and authorize the commitment of
13 \$700,000 in existing bond proceeds on the condition of lack of timely objection from the
14 State Department of Finance; and

15 WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside wishes to receive \$1.5 million in Active
16 Transportation Grant funds for the Mission Avenue Improvement Project; and

17 WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside understands that the Active Transportation
18 Grant Program funding is fixed at the programmed amount, and therefore project cost
19 increases that exceed the grant awarded will be the sole responsibility of the grantee;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside agrees to complete the proposed grant
22 project within a timely matter and in compliance with Board policy No. 035.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oceanside resolves that
24 staff is authorized to submit an application to SANDAG for Active Transportation Grant
25 Program funding in the amount of \$1.5 million for the Mission Avenue Improvement;
26 and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if a grant award is made by SANDAG to fund
28 the Mission Avenue Improvement, the City of Oceanside commits to providing
\$700,000 of matching funds and/or in-kind contributions from existing bond proceeds
controlled by the Successor Agency of the City of Oceanside, provided there is no
timely objection from the state Department of Finance; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff is: 1. authorized to accept the grant funds; 2. execute the attached grant agreement with SANDAG with no exceptions (other than the lack of a timely objection from the State Department of Finance to the expenditure of bond proceeds); and 3. complete the Mission Avenue Improvement.

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

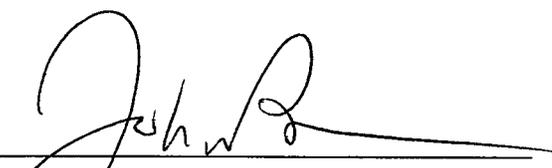
AYES:
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Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney