

*STAFF REPORT**CITY OF OCEANSIDE*

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DATE: March 18, 2015

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Development Services Department

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSNET SMART GROWTH INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS THROUGH THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**SYNOPSIS**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City to submit applications for the TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP) and Active Transportation Grant Program (ATGP) for the Seagaze Mobility Improvement Project, a capital project; and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary grant documents.

**BACKGROUND**

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) has put out a call seeking competitive bids for SGIP and ATGP funds to pay for projects that promote smart growth, as well as increase walking, biking, and transit usage throughout the region. The goal is to implement its long-range plans to improve smart growth and active transportation. There is \$15 million in SGIP and ATGP funds available through the California Transportation Development Act and the TransNet half-cent sales tax program.

The funds will be apportioned to capital and non-capital projects as follows:

Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP):

- \$12 million total available
  - o \$9.6 million available for capital projects
  - o \$2.4 million available for planning projects

Active Transportation Grant Program (ATGP):

- \$3 million total available
  - o \$2.25 million for capital projects
  - o \$750,000 for non-capital

The goal of the SGIP is to encourage comprehensive public infrastructure projects and planning activities that facilitate compact, mixed use development focused around public transit, and that aim to increase housing and transportation choices. The goal of the ATGP is to encourage planning and development of Complete Streets, to provide multiple travel choices for the region's residents, and provide connectivity to transit, schools, retail centers, parks, work, and other community gathering places. ATGP is available to fund bicycle and pedestrian-oriented facility improvements, planning efforts, encouragement and education programs.

In 2013 the City was awarded funds in the amount of \$1.5 million from the ATGP for the construction of Mission Avenue downtown improvement project. The project, which was completed in 2014, converted Mission Avenue (between Coast Highway and Clementine Street) from a two-way street to a one-way westbound street, including widening sidewalks and bulb outs; and converted Seagaze Drive (between Coast Highway and Clementine Street) from a two-way street to a one-way eastbound street, including bike lanes.

SANDAG requires a resolution from the City Council authorizing the application for the SGIP grant and ATGP grant funds, and naming the City Manager to submit the application and to sign and execute grant documents, agreements and assurances, if a grant award is made by SANDAG. The City is an eligible applicant for the grant program and the project mentioned below is eligible for funding.

## **ANALYSIS**

Staff will turn in a Smart Growth Grant application and an Active Transportation Grant application for the Seagaze Mobility Improvement Project. Seagaze Drive, between Coast Highway and Clementine Street, is a two lane, one-way eastbound road with parking on both sides, and a bike lane on the south side. There is an existing all-way stop at the intersection of Seagaze Drive and Ditmar Street.

In order to help pedestrians cross Seagaze Drive, "temporary" bulb outs were installed on Seagaze Drive at Freeman Street, Nevada Street, and Clementine Street with striping and raised delineators. The grant applications that staff is proposing to submit to SANDAG are for design, surveying, and construction of:

- raised concrete bulb outs to replace the "temporary" bulb outs
- the installation of bulb outs at the intersection of Seagaze Drive and Ditmar Street
- a striped pedestrian crosswalk on Seagaze Drive at Nevada Street which will be supplemented with pedestrian signage and rapid flashing beacons
- converting the "temporary" ("pork-chop") median at the intersection of Seagaze Drive at Clementine Street to a raised concrete pork-chop median

To help fund this project, staff is applying for two separate grants for the same project, hoping to be awarded total project costs totaling \$357,497. Whether the City is awarded fully through one single grant or partially by a combination of the two, the total amount of grant funds to be accepted would be \$357,497. If approved, Engineering staff would manage this program.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The SGIP and ATGP through SANDAG do not require matching funds; however, providing a match provides for a more competitive application in obtaining the most points. Since matching funds are not required as part of the grant applications, it would be beneficial for the City to provide these funds. The City will commit \$75,000 in TransNet funds toward the project. The funding sources are as follows:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Note</u>
\$357,497	Grant Funds	85% Project Costs	Grant Request
\$63,000	City TransNet Funds	15% Project Costs	City Commitment
\$12,000	City Transnet Funds	CIP Admin Allocation	City Commitment

Total project costs funded by the grant and TransNet include direct project management up to \$30,952 in staffing costs.

**COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT**

Does not apply.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

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Interim City Manager

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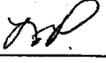
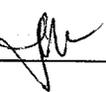
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Attachments:

Resolution: Smart Growth Grant Program Agreement

Resolution: Active Transportation Grant Program Agreement

1 RESOLUTION NO.

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
3 OCEANSIDE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF APPLICATIONS FOR  
4 SMART GROWTH INCENTIVE GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE  
5 SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG) FOR  
6 THE SEAGAZE MOBILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AND  
7 ACCEPTING THE TERMS OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT.

8 WHEREAS, \$12 million of TransNet funding for capital and planning Smart Growth  
9 Incentive Program projects is available to local jurisdictions and the County of San Diego from  
10 Fiscal Year 2014-2016; and

11 WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside wishes to receive \$357,497 in Smart Growth  
12 Incentive Grant Program funds for the following project: Seagaze Mobility Improvement  
13 Project; and

14 WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside understands that the Smart Growth Grant Program  
15 funding is fixed at the programmed amount; and therefore, project cost increases that exceed  
16 the grant awarded will be the sole responsibility of the grantee; and

17 WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside agrees to complete the proposed grant project within  
18 a timely matter and in compliance with SANDAG Board Policy No. 035.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of the City of Oceanside  
20 does resolve as follows:

21 Section 1. The City of Oceanside is authorized to submit an application to SANDAG for  
22 the Smart Growth Incentive Grant Program funding in the amount of \$357,497 for the Seagaze  
23 Mobility Improvement Project.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if a grant award is made by SANDAG to fund the  
25 Seagaze Mobility Improvement Project, the City Council of the City of Oceanside commits to  
26 providing \$63,000 of matching funds and/or in-kind contributions, and authorizes City of  
27 Oceanside staff to accept the grant funds, execute a grant agreement with SANDAG, with no  
28 exceptions, and complete the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the City Council of the City of Oceanside agrees to  
indemnify, hold harmless, and defend SANDAG, the San Diego County Regional

1 Transportation Commission, and all officers and employees thereof against all causes of action  
2 or claims related to the City of Oceanside's TransNet funded projects.

3 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California,  
4 this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, by the following vote:

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6 AYES:

7 NAYS:

8 ABSENT:

9 ABSTAIN:

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12 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

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