



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: MAY 16, 2006

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: EAST 17TH STREET IMPROVEMENTS - MEASURE M GRANT DEADLINE EXTENSION

DATE: MAY 3, 2006

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT/TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: WILLIAM J. MORRIS, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES

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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a request to the Orange County Transportation Authority for an extension of the deadline for expenditure of Measure M Intersection Improvement Program (IIP) and Growth Management Area (GMA) grant allocations from fiscal year 2005-2006 to fiscal year 2007-2008 for the following projects:

- 1) East 17th Street/Orange Avenue Improvement Project
- 2) East 17th Street/Santa Ana Avenue Project

BACKGROUND:

In December of 2002, staff submitted grant applications to OCTA for improvements to East 17th Street, consistent with the City Council approved Mitigated Negative Declaration document. In May of 2003, OCTA awarded Measure M Intersection Improvement Program (IIP) grant funds of \$707,908 to the East 17th Street/Orange Avenue Intersection Project (including a new traffic signal at Westminster Avenue), and \$633,959 to the East 17th Street/Santa Ana Avenue Intersection Project. Both IIP project grants cover 67% of design, right-of-way and construction costs.

In June of 2004, the City Council approved the 2004-2005 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which established separate appropriations of \$951,080 for construction of improvements to East 17th Street/Orange Avenue Project, and \$851,207 for construction of the East 17th Street/Santa Ana Avenue Project.

In November of 2004, OCTA awarded an Arterial Highway Rehabilitation Program (AHRP) grant of \$375,333 for pavement rehab on East 17th Street between Orange Avenue and Santa Ana Avenue.

In March of 2005, OCTA approved a one-year IIP grant extension for construction of the East 17th Street intersection projects at Orange Avenue and Santa Ana Avenue for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. The time extension was requested to coordinate design and

construction of the AHRP pavement work with the two previously awarded Measure M IIP intersection improvements.

In April of 2006, OCTA approved Measure M Growth Management Area (GMA) grant allocations of \$120,000 and \$60,000 toward the East 17th Street/Orange Avenue and East 17th Street/Santa Ana Avenue Intersections Projects respectively for fiscal year 2005-2006.

ANALYSIS:

Design of the combined plans, specifications and estimates (PS&E) for the planned East 17th Street improvements, including intersection improvements at Orange and Santa Ana Avenues, and the pavement rehabilitation work, is expected to be complete within one month. This schedule is approaching the OCTA IIP funding deadline of June 30, 2006 for construction contract award. To assure that the IIP and GMA grant funds remain viable and to provide adequate time should complications occur, the subject grant extensions are proposed for both funding programs.

Based on a recent requirement from the OCTA Board of Directors, requests for a second time extension now need to be approved by the requesting agency's City Council prior to acceptance by the OCTA. Approval of the subject IIP and GMA grant extensions are therefore recommended.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Should the City Council elect to not approve the grant extension and the deadline be exceeded, the City will forfeit the OCTA IIP and GMA grant awards for the East 17th Street intersection improvements at Orange Avenue and Santa Ana Avenues.

FISCAL REVIEW:

Funding to construct the East 17th Street at Orange Avenue (including Westminster Avenue), and the Santa Ana Avenue intersection improvements were approved in the 2004-2005 Capital Improvement Program Budget via allocations of \$707,908 and \$633,959 for each respective project. The intersection projects are funded via OCTA grants covering 67% of project costs, OCTA Measure M GMA funds, and City trip fee appropriations. The East 17th – Orange Avenue to Santa Ana Avenue pavement Rehabilitation Project was approved in the 2005-2006 CIP Budget via OCTA AHRP grant allocations of \$375,333 covering 50% of project costs and Gas Tax funds. No CIP allocation adjustments are requested for these projects with this action.

LEGAL REVIEW:

This item does not require review by the City Attorney's office.

CONCLUSION

The OCTA Measure M IIP and GMA grant award deadline to initiate construction of the East 17th Intersection improvement projects at Orange Avenue and Santa Ana Avenues is scheduled for June 30, 2006. To assure that the awarded Measure M funds are not jeopardized, it is recommended that the City Council approve the proposed extensions for the Intersection Improvement Program (IIP) and Growth Management Area (GMA) funds to fiscal year 2007-2008 for both projects.

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