



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 2, 2007

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FOR NEWPORT BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS

DATE: DECEMBER 15, 2006

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT - TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: WILLIAM J. MORRIS, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the attached Caltrans Contribution Agreement No. 12-553 with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for State grant funds in the amount of \$330,000 for roadway repairs to Newport Boulevard, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement.

BACKGROUND:

On June 21, 2005, the City Council approved the Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) document for various streetscape and roadway improvements to Newport Boulevard extending from 17th Street to 19th Street. Based on this approval, the project is now under final design, with construction tentatively set for the fall of 2007. The scope of proposed improvements established by the IS/EA and currently in design include:

- ❖ Addition of a fourth northbound lane from 17th Street to north of 19th Street.
- ❖ Addition of a fourth southbound lane from the State Route 55 Freeway terminus to the intersection with Broadway.
- ❖ Addition of a southbound right-turn lane at 17th Street.
- ❖ Aesthetic landscaping and streetscape enhancements including palms, planters and ornamental street lighting along the corridor.
- ❖ Upgrading pedestrian, bus stop and handicap ramps in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, new bus shelters and decorative crosswalks.
- ❖ Construction of missing sidewalk along the west side of Newport Boulevard north of 17th Street.

During the design review process, additional roadway rehabilitation work was recommended at select locations within the project limits to address deteriorating portions of pavement, curb and gutter. Newport Boulevard is owned and operated by Caltrans, and therefore Caltrans has agreed to fund these additional improvements. Construction of this road repair work would be included within the comprehensive Newport Boulevard Improvement Project.

ANALYSIS:

The City has secured a grant from the State of California, Caltrans District 12 for the amount of \$330,000, as provided by the attached Exhibit "A", Contribution Agreement, District Agreement No. 12-553. The contribution agreement defines the terms for funding the Caltrans roadway rehabilitation improvements together with the City's Newport Boulevard Improvement Project. The Caltrans grant provides the necessary supplemental funding to construct the road repairs; therefore, authorization of the Contribution Agreement (Attachment 1) is recommended.

FISCAL REVIEW:

The Newport Boulevard Improvement Project with a total estimated cost of \$6,172,000 has received grant awards through several sources, as follows: Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds for \$700,000; two separate awards of \$500,000 each through the Transportation Enhancement (TE) grant program; OCTA Measure M grants of \$3,977,000 through the Intersection Improvement Program (IIP), and \$870,000 through the OCTA Growth Management Area (GMA) program; and \$330,000 through this Caltrans award. A future budget adjustment will be processed concurrent with construction contract approval to encumber revenues recognized through these various grant awards.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney's office has reviewed the attached agreement and has approved it as to form.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

One alternative would be to reject the attached agreement, resulting in the loss of \$330,000 in grant funds and eliminating the roadway surface rehabilitation repairs proposed along Newport Boulevard.

CONCLUSION:

The State of California, Caltrans District 12 has awarded grant funds in the amount of \$330,000 for roadway rehabilitation improvements in conjunction with the City's Newport Boulevard Improvement Project. To receive the grant, it is necessary that City Council authorize the attached Contribution Agreement with Caltrans. Staff recommends approval of this agreement.

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Attachment: 1. [Caltrans Contribution Agreement](#)

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