



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2008

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZING RESOLUTIONS FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT AWARDS

DATE: OCTOBER 9, 2008

FROM: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

PRESENTATION BY: PETER NAGHAVI, DIRECTOR

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RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the resolutions (Attachments 1 & 2) authorizing the Director of Public Services to execute a Master State Funded Projects Agreement, and a Program Supplement Agreement to receive California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Safe Routes to School (SR2S) program funds.

BACKGROUND:

In October 2007, the City received two grants through the Safe Routes to School (SR2S) program administered by Caltrans. The first grant in the amount of \$167,199 is for a new traffic signal, lighting, and accessible ramps meeting Americans with Disabilities (ADA) requirements at the intersection of Baker Street and Mendoza Drive. The second grant in the amount of \$175,065 is for a pedestrian-actuated signal, ADA ramps, signage, and pavement markings at the mid-block on Irvine Avenue between East 18th Street and Magnolia Street. These projects, briefly described below, were developed to improve public safety in areas where children walk or bicycle to school.

Baker Street-Mendoza Drive Signal Improvement Project – This project consists of upgrading antiquated traffic, pedestrian, and bicycle signal hardware to improve safety. The project is directly adjacent to Saint John the Baptist Elementary School and includes installing new signal and push-button hardware for pedestrians and bicyclists, constructing accessible ramps per ADA, and new safety lighting, signage, and striping. Design for this project is complete and construction is scheduled for February 2009.

Irvine Avenue Project – This project will provide a new mid-block signalized crosswalk on Irvine Avenue at Mariners Elementary School to enhance safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and school children currently crossing Irvine Avenue, which is a major commuter corridor. The project includes constructing a new crosswalk and access pathway through the center median of Irvine Avenue. It also includes access ramps meeting ADA requirements, a pedestrian and bicyclist activated traffic signal, new safety lighting, striping, and signage. Design for this project is complete and construction is scheduled for December 2008.

ANALYSIS:

The Safe Routes to School grant program requires the receiving agencies to submit certified resolutions identifying the project and authorizing their execution before the actual funds can be distributed.

The Irvine Avenue Pedestrian Signal and Baker/Mendoza Signal Improvement Projects were advertised for construction on September 10, 2008, and bids are due on October 13, 2008. Recommendations for project awards will be brought to the City Council for consideration once the bidding and review process is complete.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

The City Council could select to not approve the attached resolutions. This would, however, be counter to Council's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) action to support this work, and will result in the City forfeiting the SR2S grant.

FISCAL REVIEW:

The total project cost for the Irvine Avenue Pedestrian Signal Project is \$175,065, and the total cost for the Baker Street-Mendoza Drive Traffic Signal Improvement Project is \$167,200. Caltrans SRTS grants cover 100% of project costs. Both projects are included in the City's FY 2008/09 Capital Improvement Budget.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney's office has reviewed the attached resolutions and they have been approved relative to form.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolutions to fulfill the grant award requirements for the Safe Routes to School Projects.

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- ATTACHMENTS:
- 1- [Resolution of Authorization, Safe Routes to School -Baker Mendoza Signal Project](#)
 - 2- [Resolution of Authorization, Safe Routes to School - Irvine Pedestrian Signal](#)

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