



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: MAY 15, 2012

ITEM NUMBER: _____

SUBJECT: BICYCLE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

DATE: MAY 3, 2012

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT - TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: ERNESTO MUNOZ, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RAJA SETHURAMAN, TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
MANAGER, (714) 754-5032**

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution approving the submittal of transportation improvement projects under the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) Bicycle Corridor Improvement (BCI) Program for Fiscal Years 2012-13 to 2013-14 (Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND:

The BCI Program is funded using federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, first authorized under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991, and subsequently reauthorized under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) in 1998, and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) in 2005, and extended thereafter through several continuing resolutions. The CMAQ program provides funding through annual appropriations to OCTA to be used for transportation-related projects that reduce congestion and improve air quality. OCTA is responsible for selecting regionally significant projects for Orange County and working with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in administering selected projects.

ANALYSIS:

On February 13, 2012, the OCTA Board of Directors approved the "BCI 2012 Call for Projects." This competitive program will make \$9 million in federal CMAQ funds available for bicycle projects. Projects eligible for CMAQ funding through this "Call for Projects" include bicycle facilities and bicycle safety/outreach projects. Each project is limited to \$1 million in CMAQ funds covering Fiscal Years 2012-13 to 2013-14. A minimum local match of twelve (12) percent is required.

Eligible projects may include:

- Bicycle facilities, e.g., gap closures, bike lockers, bikeways, and bike racks.
- Bicycle multi-use recreation trails and facilities.
- Bicycle safety/outreach programs.

Staff has analyzed the need for bicycle facility improvements and bicycle safety outreach within the City, and on April 30, 2012 submitted grant applications for three projects. OCTA requires approval of the attached resolution by June 30, 2012, prior to consideration of the City's applications. Proposed projects for which funding applications are requested to be submitted are listed in the attached resolution (Attachment 1) and are briefly described in Attachment 2.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Council may consider to not adopt the Resolution. However, this alternative is not recommended as it would result in the City's project applications being declined and render the City ineligible to compete for available grant funding.

FISCAL REVIEW:

If staff is successful in capturing grant funding for these projects, we will bring back a report to recommend a funding source for any required local match. Available sources include Air Quality Management District (AQMD) AB2766 funds, Fairview Park Development funds, and the General Fund. All of these funding sources are eligible for local match funds under the BCI guidelines. If grant funding is captured, the projects are typically implemented within a two-year period. This would allow for the City to adequately budget any required matching funds.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

CONCLUSION:

The current "2012 Call for Projects" provides an opportunity for the City to compete for grant funding for implementation of bicycle projects under the 2012 Bicycle Corridor Improvement Program. Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution for OCTA's consideration of project applications submitted for BCI Program funding.



ERNESTO MUNOZ
Public Services Director



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ATTACHMENTS: 1 - Resolution
 2 - Proposed Projects for BCI Program

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 Assistant Chief Executive Officer
 City Clerk
 City Attorney
 Economic and Development Services Director
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RESOLUTION NO. 12-____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FOR THE BICYCLE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDED WITH CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY PROGRAM UNDER THE 2005 SAFE, ACCOUNTABLE, FLEXIBLE, EFFICIENT, TRANSPORTATION ACT - LEGACY FOR USERS OR SUBSEQUENT FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ACT FOR BICYCLE PROJECTS IN COSTA MESA.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA HEREBY RESOLVES, DETERMINES AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the United State Congress enacted the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act - Legacy for Users August 2005, which makes Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds available to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA); and

WHEREAS, OCTA has established the procedures and criteria for reviewing proposals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Costa Mesa Public Services Director ("Public Services Director") possesses authority to nominate bicycle projects funded using Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funding and to finance, acquire, and construct the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa ("City Council") authorizes the nomination of the Fairview Park Bike Trail Project, Bicycle Education and Bicycle Rack at Schools Project, and the Placentia Avenue Bike Signal Project ("Project" or "Projects") for the Bicycle Corridor Improvement Program and authorizes the Public Services Director as the official representative of the City of Costa Mesa to act in

connection with the nomination and to provide such additional information as may be required; and

WHEREAS, the City of Costa Mesa will maintain and operate the property acquired, developed, rehabilitated, or restored for the life of any facilities or activities; and

WHEREAS, with the approval of the California Department of Transportation ("Caltrans") and OCTA, the City of Costa Mesa or its successors in interest in the property may transfer the responsibility to maintain and operate the property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Costa Mesa will give Caltrans and OCTA representatives access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers or documents related to the Projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Costa Mesa will cause work on the Projects to be commenced within six months of notification by Caltrans that funds have been authorized to proceed by the Federal Highway Administration and that the project will be carried to completion with reasonable diligence; and

WHEREAS, the City of Costa Mesa agrees to fund its share of the total project costs awarded by OCTA for the Bicycle Improvement Program and to pay any additional costs over the identified program amount; and

WHEREAS, the City of Costa Mesa will comply where applicable with provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the American with Disabilities Act, Federal Transit Administration Title VI, and any other federal, state, and/or local laws, rules and/or regulations;

WHEREAS, the City Council authorizes the execution of any necessary cooperative agreements between the City of Costa Mesa and OCTA to facilitate the delivery of the Projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa, hereby authorizes the Public Services Director as the official representative of the City of Costa Mesa to apply for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funding under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act - Legacy for Users for the project proposals submitted by the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Costa Mesa agrees to fund its share of the project costs and any additional costs over the identified programmed amount.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of May, 2012.

Eric R. Bever, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Christine Cordon,
Acting Deputy City Clerk

Thomas P. Duarte, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss
CITY OF COSTA MESA)

I, CHRISTINE CORDON, Acting Deputy City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is the original of Resolution No. 12-_____ and was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa at a regular meeting held on the 15th day of May, 2012, by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereby set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Costa Mesa this 16th day of May, 2012.

CHRISTINE CORDON,
ACTING DEPUTY CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR BCI

1. Fairview Park Multipurpose Trail

The proposed project includes construction of a new Class I Multipurpose Trail within Fairview Park. The proposed trail will consist of a new 8-foot wide concrete path for a length of approximately 5,300 feet. The trail will follow a path through the central area of Fairview Park and connect three distinct areas. The proposed trail will start at the terminus of Canyon Drive and extend northerly to Talbert Nature Preserve, and also diverge easterly and connect to Placentia Avenue. Currently there are only make-shift foot-paths in this area of Fairview Park and no improved paths. Certain areas of the foot-path suffer from poor drainage which will be addressed by the project.

Total Project Cost (Design and Construction Phases): \$1,247,700

Grant Amount Requested: \$835,959

City Match: \$411,741

2. Bicycle Education at Schools and Bicycle Racks at City Facilities

The proposed project includes two main components of bicycle safety education and promotion at elementary schools, and installation of new bicycle racks at seven City facilities. The purpose of this project is to encourage and promote safe bicycling in the community by providing bicycle safety education for students at an early age and by providing bicycle racks at carefully selected City facilities near busy activity centers.

Total Project Cost (Design and Construction Phases): \$177,650

Grant Amount Requested: \$154,556

City Match: \$23,094

3. Placentia Avenue Bicycle Signal

The proposed project includes the installation of a new bicycle/pedestrian signal on Placentia Avenue adjacent to Fairview Park. The proposed signal would be located where the new bicycle trail being constructed south of Fairview Channel meets Placentia Avenue. The bicycle signal will provide a safe method of crossing Placentia Avenue to access the bicycle trail.

Total Project Cost (Construction Phase): \$244,288

Grant Amount Requested: \$212,531

City Match: \$31,757