



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

ITEM NUMBER: CC-12

SUBJECT: APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP, TIER 2 GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION ORDINANCE NO. 3 FOR THE ARLINGTON DRIVE BIOSWALE AND DRY WEATHER DIVERSION PROJECT

DATE: AUGUST 22, 2013

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT/ENGINEERING DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: ERNESTO MUNOZ, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. Adopt a Resolution for the submittal of a grant application to the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) M2 Environmental Cleanup Tier 2 grant program for the Arlington Drive Bioswale and Dry Weather Diversion Project (Attachment 1).
2. Authorize the Public Services Director as the City's authorized representative.

BACKGROUND:

Competitive grant applications for the OCTA M2 Environmental Cleanup, Tier 2 grant program are designed to fund regional, potentially multi-jurisdictional, capital-intensive projects. Examples include constructed wetlands, detention/infiltration basins, and bioswales, which mitigate pollutants such as litter and debris, heavy metals, organic chemicals, and sediment. Funding for this grant program is provided by the County of Orange's one-half cent sales tax for transportation-related projects. The grant requires thirty-five percent (35%) local match funds for projects with long-term maintenance plans. Grant applications are due on September 20, 2013.

ANALYSIS:

On June 10, 2013, the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) Board of Directors approved the "M2 ECP Tier 2 2013-14 Call for Projects". This program will provide up to \$25.3 million in grant funds available to the 35 Orange County agencies. The call has a two-year funding cycle, giving applicants a two-year option to receive the grant funds. The maximum amount that an applicant can receive per project is \$5 million.

The grant application to the OCTA Environmental Cleanup, Tier 2 grant program will request funding of \$1,700,000 for the construction of a bioswale, drainage improvements, landscaping and trail on Arlington Drive between Fairview Road and Newport Frontage Road. Total project cost is estimated to be \$2,600,000. If grant funding is approved in March 2014, construction may begin in August 2015. To apply for these grant funds, a Resolution approving the filing of an application and naming the Public Services Director as the City's authorized representative is needed.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

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

FISCAL REVIEW:

The total project cost is estimated at \$2,600,000. If staff is successful in capturing grant funding for this project, a \$900,000 match would be required for this grant program. \$500,000 of the match could be provided by the City's Drainage Fees and the remaining \$400,000 may be an in-kind match consisting of staff time for design, grant administration, and construction management.

LEGAL REVIEW:

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

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution for the filing of a grant application to the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) M2 Environmental Cleanup Tier 2 grant program for the Arlington Drive Bioswale and Dry Weather Diversion Project and designate the Public Services Director as the City's authorized representative.

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ATTACHMENT: 1 - [Proposed Resolution](#)

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