REPORT TO COUNCIL
City of Sacramento

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Consent
December 9, 2008

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Bridge Maintenance Program Consolidation of Projects and Transfer of Funds

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) transferring funds between various bridge maintenance projects; 2) transferring $500,000 (Fund 2005) from the Street Overlay and Seals Program (R15072000) to the HBP - Preventative Bridge Maintenance Repair Projects (R15092300); 3) transferring $370,000 (Fund 2005) from the Bridge Renovation Project (T15048900) to the HBP - Preventative Bridge Maintenance Repair Projects (R15092300); 4) appropriating $460,000 from Measure A Construction Contingency (Fund 2001) to the HBP - Preventative Bridge Maintenance Repair Projects (R15092300); and 5) transferring any remaining balances to the Local - Preventative Bridge Maintenance Repair Projects (R15092400) after the completion of the Bridge Renovation Project (T15048900) and the Center Parkway Bridge Repair Project (T15048901).

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Presenters: None

Department: Transportation

Division: Engineering Services

Organization No: 15001141

Description/Analysis

Issue: Staff evaluated the needs of the Bridge Maintenance Program and determined that the program could be managed more effectively if the existing CIPs were reorganized and consolidated into three program areas: Administration, Emergency and Safety Repairs, and Repair Projects.

To fund the Repair Projects, staff proposes to create a capital fund project with $500,000 transferred from the Overlay and Seals Program, $460,000

appropriated from Measure A Construction Contingency and $370,000 transferred from the Bridge Renovation Project. These project funds will be used to pay for the bridge repairs and will be partially reimbursed by Caltrans when federal funds are available. The local funds will then be able to fund subsequent bridge repair projects.

Policy Considerations: This recommendation is consistent with the City's strategic plan and the goal of the City Council to achieve sustainability and enhance public safety.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Transfer and appropriation of funds are not subject to the provisions of the CEQA. Under CEQA general rule 15061-B-3, CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. These actions will have no effect on the environment; this is not subject to CEQA.

Sustainability Considerations: Maintaining City infrastructure is consistent with sustainability goals by increasing the asset life.

Other: None.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: Currently there are several active CIP's used to fund repairs for City bridges. The recommended action will transfer funds to a CIP to create a program from which subsequent sub-programs and projects will be created, thereby allowing the closure of redundant CIP's and creating a program that will be more efficient to administer and track expenses.

Financial Considerations: No General Funds will be utilized for the Bridge Maintenance Program, or any other action recommended in this staff report. The project will utilize Measure A – Maintenance Sales Tax revenue (Fund 2005) to fund the repair projects prior to federal reimbursement.

The recommendation is to appropriate $460,000 in Sacramento County Sales Tax (Measure A) Contingency and transfer $500,000 in Sacramento County Sales Tax (Measure A) from the Overlay & Seals program and $370,000 transferred from the Bridge Renovation Project to the bridge maintenance program for design and construction of future projects, thereby allowing the City to leverage future federal funding opportunities.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): None, since no goods or services are being procured with this action.

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Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

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Attachment 1

Background

Staff evaluated the needs of the Bridge Maintenance Program and determined that the program could be managed more effectively if the existing CIPs were reorganized and consolidated. In addition, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Caltrans have implemented a Highway Bridge Maintenance Program using federal funds. At the present time, the program has insufficient funds to provide to local agencies. However, if an agency follows all federal rules and procedures and uses their own funds up front, in the future it can seek reimbursement up to approximately eighty-percent of the project cost.

In light of this, staff recommends that a CIP be established to provide the funds for the upfront costs of the bridge maintenance projects. This will allow the City to proceed with 14 critical bridge maintenance projects and the design of the next phase of bridge maintenance projects. Once the CIP is reimbursed for the original projects, the next phase of projects will be constructed.

Staff is proposing that there be three program areas within the Bridge Maintenance Program.

- Annual Administration of the Program – This includes review of the Bridge Inspection Reports provided by Caltrans and the hiring of consultants for more detailed inspections if needed; Updating reports and databases; hiring of consultants to inspect the bridges that Caltrans does not inspect; responding to encroachment requests from utility companies; scoping and prioritization of repair projects; and overall management of the program.

- Annual Emergency and Safety Repairs – This includes the non-programmed urgent and safety repairs that are required either because a bridge was damaged in an accident or was found from an inspection to have a critical need for repair or maintenance.

- Bridge Repair Projects – Design and construction of individual repair projects as recommended by Caltrans and city consultants and staff.

Attachment 2

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

ESTABLISHMENT OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

BACKGROUND

A. Staff evaluated the needs of the Bridge Maintenance Program and determined that the Program could be managed more effectively if the existing CIPs were reorganized and consolidated into three program areas - Administration, Emergency and Safety Repairs, and Repair Projects.

B. To fund the Repair Projects staff proposes to create a capital fund. These project funds will be used to pay for the bridge repairs and will be partially reimbursed by Caltrans when federal funds are available. The local funds will then be able to fund subsequent bridge repair projects.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The FY08/09 Capital Improvement Program is amended by transferring the balance remaining ($513,543) in the Bridge Maintenance Design and Construction Project (T15078100) (Fund 2005) to the Howe Avenue Bridge Repair Project (R15072202) ($140,000) and the Bridge Maintenance Program (R15072200) ($373,543) and closing the Bridge Maintenance Design and Construction Project (T15078100).

Section 2. The FY08/09 Capital Improvement Program is amended by transferring $500,000 (Fund 2005) from the Street Overlay and Seals Program (R15072000) to the Highway Bridge Program (HBP) - Preventative Bridge Maintenance Repair Projects (R15092300)

Section 3. The FY08/09 Capital Improvement Program is amended by transferring $370,000 (Fund 2005) from the Bridge Renovation Project (T15048900) to the HBP - Preventative Bridge Maintenance Repair Projects (R15092300).

Section 4. The FY08/09 Capital Improvement Program is amended by appropriating the $460,000 from Measure A Construction Contingency (Fund 2001) to the HBP - Preventative Bridge Maintenance Repair Projects (R15092300).

Section 5. After the completion of the Bridge Renovation Project (T15048900) and the Center Parkway Bridge Repair Project (T15048901), the Capital Improvement Program is amended by transferring any remaining balances to the Local - Preventative Bridge Maintenance Repair Projects (R15092400).