



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent
June 15, 2010

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Authorization to Apply for Safe Routes to Schools Funding

Location/Council District: Mack Road and Summersdale Drive; Meadowview Road and Manorside Drive. Location Maps – Exhibits A and B to Resolution. (Districts 7 and 8)

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** authorizing the City Manager to submit two applications for the State Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program for new traffic signals at Mack Road and Summersdale Drive, and Meadowview Road and Manorside Drive.

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Presenters: None

Department: Transportation

Division: Engineering Services

Organization No: 15001141

Description/Analysis

Issue: Caltrans has announced a call for project applications for the State Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program which are due July 15, 2010.

Policy Considerations: Funding this project is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan goal to promote and support economic vitality by investing in infrastructure development to support sustainable growth.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): The application to apply for State Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (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, thus are not subject to CEQA.

Sustainability Considerations: The project is consistent with Sustainability Master Plan goals to help to enhance the pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the public right-of-way and to encourage pedestrian and bicycle trips, which promotes the use of alternate modes of transportation.

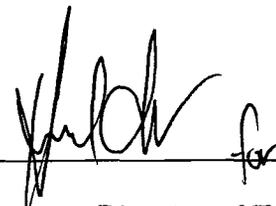
Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: These projects will improve safety for children who walk or bike to Samuel Jackman Middle School (Mack Road and Summersdale Drive) and to Freeport Elementary School (Meadowview Road and Manorside Drive). Both projects were selected because they are the highest ranking Transportation Programming Guide (TPG) projects that also best meet the published grant funding objectives. State grant funding allows leveraging of City funds and will allow the City to deliver priority projects and programs.

Financial Considerations: The estimated cost for the each of the two traffic signals will fall below the State Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program maximum allowable grant of \$450,000. A 10% local match is required. If either or both applications are selected by the State, the 10% required match for each application will be provided from the State and Federal Grant Match Project (T15007200). There are no General Funds planned or allocated for this project.

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

Respectfully Submitted by: 
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Engineering Services Manager

Approved by: 
Jerry Way
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

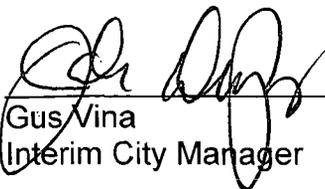

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Interim City Manager

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Attachment 1

Background

The purpose of the State Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program is to make bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements for school-related travel. The State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is the administrator for grant funds to these improvements. The goals for the program are to reduce injuries and fatalities and to encourage increased bicycling and walking among students.

Caltrans announced a call for projects in April 2010 for the State Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program. Project nominations are due by July 15, 2010. The City has applied for and received several grants from both State and Federal Safe Routes to Schools Grant Programs over the past eight years.

Proposed projects for the Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program need to be easily deliverable without major right-of-way issues or complex environmental studies. The recommendations in this report are for funding infrastructure construction.

Additionally, the Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program guidelines limit the amount of funds to \$450,000 per project. This limits the types of projects to traffic signals, small sidewalk projects and bike lane projects. Among the highly ranked projects of this nature, the strongest candidates to successfully compete for the grant funds are the traffic signals at Mack Road/ Summersdale Drive (2010 TPG signals rank #4) and Meadowview Road/Manorside Drive (2010 TPG signals rank #10).

Two other candidate projects were considered and eliminated from consideration. The project to add bike lanes to Freeport Boulevard between Sutterville Road and 4th Avenue (TPG on-street bikeways rank #6) was considered, but the project scope is not defined well enough at this time, as this will need extensive outreach before completing the scope. Adding sidewalks to Tessa Avenue near Del Paso Boulevard (TPG pedestrian improvements rank #8) was considered but rejected as it appeared to not serve very many students, and therefore, could not compete successfully.

Attachment 2

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**APPLICATION FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS FUNDING FOR
NEW TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT MACK ROAD/SUMMERSDALE DRIVE AND AT
MEADOWVIEW ROAD/MANORSIDE DRIVE**

BACKGROUND

- A. The State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has issued a call for projects to receive funding from the State Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program.
- B. Proposed projects for the Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program need to be easily deliverable without major right-of-way issues or complex environmental studies. The recommendations for this report are for funding infrastructure construction.
- C. The candidate locations were taken from the 2010 Transportation Programming Guide (TPG). They were selected because they were the highest ranking location that best meet the published grant funding objectives.

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

Section 1. The Director of Transportation is authorized to submit two applications for the State Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program for new traffic signals at Mack Road and Summersdale Drive, and Meadowview Road and Manorside Drive.

Section 2. Exhibits A and B are incorporated into and made part of this resolution.

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Exhibit A: Mack Rd. and Summersdale Dr. Location Map

Exhibit B: Meadowview Rd. and Manorside Dr. Location Map

EXHIBIT B

Location Map for
Meadowview Road and Manorside Drive
Traffic Signal Project

