



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
September 28, 2010

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Grant Application: Recreational Trails Program Grant Proposal for Freeport Boulevard Bike Trail

Location/Council District: Near Freeport/Meadowview Intersection; Council Districts 7 and 8

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) authorizing the City Manager, or City Manager's designee, to execute and submit a California Department of Parks and Recreation ("CDPR") Recreational Trails Program Grant ("RTP") application in an amount up to \$300,000 for development of an off-street bike trail along Freeport Boulevard; 2) authorizing the City Manager or City Manager's designee to execute the required CDPR RTP grant contract, including any amendments thereto, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney, any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to secure a RTP grant from CDPR, to establish a program and its related revenue and expenditure budgets, contingent upon approval of the application; and 3) approving the Resolution required by the CDPR.

Contact: Camille Wise, Resource Development Specialist, 808-8830
Ed Cox, Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator, 808-8434

Presenters: Not Applicable

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Administration

Organization No: 19001011

Description/Analysis

Issue: The Recreational Trails Program Grant is funded by the California State Department of Parks and Recreation to develop recreational trails and support amenities. The City Council's support of the Department of Parks and Recreation's request to submit an application in an amount up to \$300,000 to the California State Parks Department for the development of an off-street bike trail along Freeport Boulevard is needed. The grant proposal is due on October 1,

2010.

Policy Considerations: The development of a bike trail along Freeport Boulevard is consistent with the City's approved strategic plan to achieve sustainability and livability.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Environmental Considerations:

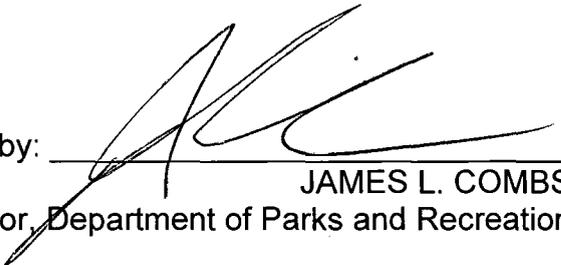
California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): This report recommends the submittal of a grant application; therefore, it concerns administrative activities that will not have any significant effect on the environment and that do not constitute a "project," as defined by CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 Cal. Code Reg. § 15000 et seq.) Sections 15061(b)(3), 15378(b)(2). By taking the recommended action, the City Council is not approving the proposed project; instead, the proposed project will be evaluated as required by CEQA, and the City will consider and approve, if applicable, the CEQA documentation before granting approval of the proposed project.

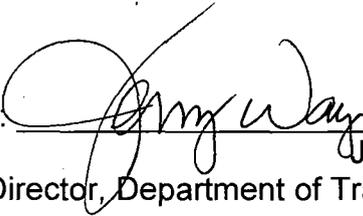
Sustainability Considerations: The proposed Freeport Boulevard Bike Trail has been reviewed for consistency with the goals, policies, and targets of the City Sustainability Master Plan (SMP) and the Parks and Recreation Sustainability Plan (PRSP). If approved, the recommended actions will advance the goals, policies, and targets of these plans to help improve the health of residents through access to additional non-motorized recreational opportunities.

Rationale for Recommendation: The development of a bike trail along Freeport Boulevard is consistent with the City's approved strategic plan to achieve sustainability and livability. This project is consistent with the City Department of Transportation's Programming Guide (TPG) and the Freeport Boulevard Streetscape Master Plan. Council approval and support is required to apply for a Recreational Trails Program Grant.

Financial Considerations: With the Council's support, the City will submit a grant request for up to \$300,000 from the State Department of Parks and Recreation. The Recreational Trails Program requires a 12% match of the total project budget as proposed in the grant application. A \$300,000 request will require a \$36,000 match to be paid from the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Funds, making the maximum project budget for the grant proposal \$336,000. If awarded, the grant funds will not be available until the fall of 2011 at which time the matching funds would be necessary. This has been budgeted in the FY2011/12 TDA plan. This grant will not impact the General Fund.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Not applicable at this time as no goods or services are being procured as a result of support for a Recreational Trails Program grant application.

Approved by: 
JAMES L. COMBS
Director, Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved by: 
JERRY WAY
Director, Department of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

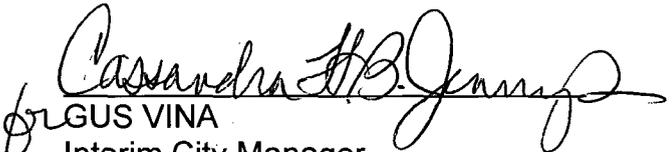

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Interim City Manager

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP), administered by the State Department of Parks and Recreation, provides federal funds to the States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. The proposed project would construct a non-motorized bike trail for recreational uses.

Freeport Boulevard Corridor connects to the Pocket and Amherst residential areas that are of medium density consisting of single family homes and multi-family apartments. Currently there are no other bike trails in this immediate area. Completion of this trail is the missing piece to provide incremental improvements to complete a larger trail network that includes access to the existing Sacramento River Bike Trail and the Bill Conlin Sports Complex. This project will provide new trail opportunities for pedestrians and bicyclists and improve access to the future planned Freeport Shores Bike trail that is already master planned, funded, and prepared to go to bid; and will include a traffic signal pedestrian crossing at the Water Intake Facility Site. The project will include paving, striping, interpretive signage, and landscaping.

This trail will provides linkages to Freeport/Meadowview for underserved families with children in residential areas that otherwise may not have access to Bill Conlin Park that includes soccer fields, baseball fields, and picnic areas. This trail will also provide linkage to a multi-directional trail network that includes the scenic Sacramento River Trail System and access to historical Victory Elms planted in World War I along Freeport Blvd. Alignment of the proposed trail is separate but parallel to existing Freeport Boulevard (formerly Highway 160) and will cross under Interstate 5 and the existing overcrossing.

City staff submitted this proposal for consideration in the prior year's application review process, but the project was not awarded. Only seven projects were awarded from the available \$2.3 million in the 2009/10 grant program. Staff is resubmitting this competitive project for consideration in the 2010/11 grant program.

ATTACHMENT 3

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-XXX

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

September 28, 2010

**APPLICATION FOR RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT FOR
DEVELOPMENT OF BIKE TRAIL ALONG FREEPORT BOULEVARD**

BACKGROUND:

- A. The proposed project is eligible for funding under the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), administered by the State Department of Parks and Recreation that provides funds to develop and maintain Recreational Trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized Recreational Trail uses.
- B. Completion of this trail is the missing piece to provide incremental improvements to complete a larger trail network that includes access to the existing Sacramento River Bike Trail and the Bill Conlin Regional Youth Sports Complex. This project is consistent with the City Department of Transportation's Programming Guide and the Freeport Boulevard Streetscape Master Plan.

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

- Section 1. The City Manager or City Manager's designee is authorized to execute and submit a California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) RTP application in an amount up to \$300,000 for the development of an off-street bike trail along Freeport Boulevard.
- Section 2. The City Manager or City Manager's designee is authorized to execute the required CPDR RTP grant contract, including any amendments thereto, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney, any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to secure a RTP grant from CDPR, to establish a Capital Improvement Program project and related revenue and expenditure budgets for the grant funds, contingent upon approval of the application.
- Section 3. The Resolution required by the CDPR (attached as Exhibit A and made a part of this Resolution) is approved.

EXHIBIT A

Resolution No: _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SACRAMENTO APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the "Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users" provides funds to the State of California for Grants to federal, state, local and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trail Projects; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing Project Application under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant to certify by resolution the approval of Application(s) before submission of said Application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant will enter into a Contract with the State of California to complete the Project(s);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento City Council hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an Application for the Recreational Trails Program; and
2. Certifies that the Project is consistent with the Applicant's general plan or the equivalent planning document; and
3. Certifies that said Applicant has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the Project(s) included in this Application, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project(s); and
4. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Procedural Guide; and
5. Appoints the City Manager or his designee as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to Applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the Project.
6. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

Approved and Adopted the ____ day of _____, 20_____.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number _____ was duly adopted by the Sacramento City Council following a roll call vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

(Clerk)