



# City of Sacramento City Council

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**Meeting Date:** 11/13/2012

**Report Type:** Consent

**Title: Establishment of Capital Improvement Project and Appropriate Funds:  
Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar Transit Project**

**Report ID:** 2012-00891

**Location:** Central Business District and Midtown, District 4

**Recommendation:** Pass a Resolution: 1) establishing the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar Transit Project (S15131800) as a new Capital Improvement Project, and 2) appropriating \$38,750 (Fund 2012) to the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar Transit Project (S15131800).

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**Presenter:** None

**Department:** Public Works Department

**Division:** Transportation Division

**Dept ID:** 15001911

## **Attachments:**

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- 1-Description/Analysis
- 2-Background
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### **City Attorney Review**

Approved as to Form  
Gerald Hicks  
11/7/2012 3:26:57 PM

### **City Treasurer Review**

Reviewed for Impact on Cash and Debt  
Russell Fehr  
10/26/2012 12:52:03 PM

### **Approvals/Acknowledgements**

Department Director or Designee: Jerry Way - 11/2/2012 12:52:47 PM



## Description/Analysis

**Issue:** The Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar Transit Project (S15131800) will provide the planning necessary to develop an initial streetcar project connecting Midtown, Downtown Sacramento, and West Sacramento in an effort to enhance mobility and catalyze economic development. The Downtown/Riverfront Transit Federal Funding Application is a collaborative effort with the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), Sacramento Regional Transit (RT), the City of West Sacramento, and the Yolo County Transportation District (YCTD) to prepare the analysis required to compete for New Starts grant funding through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The establishment of a Capital Improvement Project and the appropriation of funds are necessary to fulfill our match obligation for the joint effort and to begin work on this project.

**Policy Considerations:** This project is in accordance with the City Operating Principles of promoting safety and enhancing livability sustainability, and economic vitality.

**Economic Impacts:** None

### Environmental Considerations:

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** The establishment of a CIP and appropriation of funds are not subject to the provisions of 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:** This project is consistent with Sustainability Master Plan goals to help improve health of residents by promoting walking and bicycling. This project will also reduce dependence on the private automobile, shorten long commutes, decrease the use of fossil fuels, and help meet air quality standards by providing an array of transportation choices near jobs for a balanced, healthy city.

**Other:** None.

**Commission/Committee Action:** None.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The establishment of a Capital Improvement Project and the appropriation of funds are necessary to pursue this project.

**Financial Considerations:** Planning for the Downtown/ Riverfront Streetcar Transit Project (S15131800) is being funded regionally with \$1.2 million in federal 5307 funding matched by a total of \$155,418 in local funds from the four participating agencies: the City of Sacramento, City of West Sacramento, Sacramento Regional Transit District and the Yolo County Transportation District.

Approval of the appropriation of \$38,750 (Fund 2012) from the Transportation System Management Fund to the Downtown/ Riverfront Streetcar Transit Project (S15131800) will support the City of Sacramento's share of the local match for the federal grant.

There are no general funds planned or allocated to this project.

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

## Background

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments was appointed as Project Sponsor, grantee of \$1.2 million in federal 5307 Flex Funds, and Project Manager to coordinate the cooperative effort of the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento, the Sacramento Regional Transit District, and the Yolo County Transportation District to apply for federal grant funding through the New Starts program for a transit project connecting Midtown, Downtown Sacramento, and West Sacramento. The partner agencies have committed to matching the 5307 Flex Funds with \$155,418 of local funds. The share of the match for the City of Sacramento is \$38,750. The Transportation System Management Fund (2012) was identified as the appropriate source for this match based on the potential to reduce the vehicle trips and reduce parking demand. Establishment of a capital improvement project (CIP) and appropriation of funding to a CIP are necessary to properly account for the expenditures related to this effort.



## **RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

### **ESTABLISH A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS- DOWNTOWN/RIVERFRONT STREETCAR TRANSIT PROJECT (S15131800)**

#### **BACKGROUND**

- A. The Sacramento Area Council of Governments was appointed as Project Sponsor, grantee of \$1.2 million in federal 5307 Flex Funds, and Project Manager to coordinate the cooperative effort of the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento, the Sacramento Regional Transit District, and the Yolo County Transportation District to apply for federal grant funding through the New Starts program for a transit project connecting Midtown, Downtown Sacramento, and West Sacramento. The partner agencies have committed to matching the 5307 Flex Funds with \$155,418 of local funds. The share of the match for the City of Sacramento is \$38,750. Establishment of a capital improvement project (CIP) and the allocation of funding to a CIP are necessary to properly account for the expenditures related to this effort.

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

- Section 1. The Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar Transit Project (S15131800) is established as a new Capital Improvement Project.
- Section 2. The FY12/13 Capital Improvement Program budget is amended by appropriating \$38,750 (Fund 2012) from the Downtown Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Fund to the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar Transit Project (S15131800).