

Meeting Date: 2/25/2014

Report Type: Consent

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Title: Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar Transit Project (S15131800) – Appropriation of Funds

Location: District 4

Recommendation: Pass a Resolution appropriating \$1,500,000 in Sheraton Master Owner Participation Agreement (MOPA) Project Fund (Fund 2030) 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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City Attorney Review

Approved as to Form
Gerald Hicks
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City Treasurer Review

Reviewed for Impact on Cash and Debt
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Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Jerry Way - 2/13/2014 7:27:01 AM

Description/Analysis

Issue: The City has been working in cooperation with the City of West Sacramento, the Sacramento Regional Transit, the Yolo County Transportation District, and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments to complete the engineering, environmental analysis, and special studies necessary to seek grant funding through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to help fund the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar Starter Line. A contribution from the City of Sacramento is needed to help fund the work necessary to approach the FTA to enter into and complete the Project Development phase ahead of a Small Starts Grant award.

Policy Considerations: The following Sacramento 2030 General Plan policies support the analysis proposed to be completed by the recommendation:

M 1.2.1 Multimodal Choices - The City shall promote development of an integrated, multi-modal transportation system that offers attractive choices among modes including pedestrian-ways, public transportation, roadways, bikeways, rail, waterways, and aviation and reduces air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

M 3.1.3 Variety of Transit Types - The City shall consider a variety of transit types including high speed rail, inter-city rail, regional rail, light rail transit, bus rapid transit, trolleys (streetcars), enhanced buses, express buses, local buses, neighborhood shuttles, pedi-cabs, and jitneys to meet the needs of residents, workers, and visitors.

M 3.1.14 Streetcar Facilities - The City shall support the development of streetcar lines in the Central City and other multi-modal districts.

The action requested is also consistent with the City's Strategic Plan goal to make Sacramento a safer place for residents, businesses and visitors.

The action requested is also consistent with Goal #1 of the City's 2013 Economic Development Strategy, specifically Action 1.13: Continue planning, outreach and design efforts with partner agencies for the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar Project in order to pursue funding and construction of this West Sacramento to Downtown and Midtown connector.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): The appropriation of funding is not a project and therefore not subject to CEQA review. A mitigated negative declaration is being completed for the construction phase of the

Downtown/Riverfront Project as well as an Initial Study/Finding of No Significant Impact since federal transportation funds are anticipated.

Sustainability Considerations: The recommended action supports the Climate Action Plan goal to create a connected multi-modal transportation network that increases the use of sustainable modes of transportation (e.g., walking, biking, transit) and reduces dependence on automobiles.

Other: None.

Committee/Commission Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: A contribution from the City of Sacramento is needed to continue the work necessary to apply to the FTA to enter into and complete the Project Development Phase in anticipation of a Small Starts Grant.

Financial Considerations: Completion of the work necessary to enter into and ultimately complete the Project Development Phase of the project is estimated to cost \$12,000,000. SACOG has awarded \$5,000,000 of this total through the 2013/14 Flexible Funding Program; Regional Transit is anticipated to contribute \$1,600,000; West Sacramento is contributing \$3,000,000. Development contributions in the amount of \$500,000 are still being negotiated as additional funding for the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar Project Development from the City of Sacramento.

A total of \$38,750 has already been appropriated to the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar Transit Project (S15131800) though previous actions to fund staff time contributions to the project.

Appropriation of an additional \$1,500,000 in Sheraton MOPA Project Fund (Fund 2030) will bring the total budget to \$1,538,750.

There are no General Funds planned or allocated for this project.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable since no goods or services are being procured.

Background

In May of 2006, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was approved which established the working relationships among the City of Sacramento, the City of West Sacramento, Regional Transit and the Yolo County Transit District (the "Parties") to promote streetcar service between downtown Sacramento and West Sacramento. The Parties completed a feasibility study, conceptual engineering and environmental analysis for a rail transit project from downtown Sacramento to the City of West Sacramento and the MOU expired in 2008.

A revised MOU was approved in 2009 to continue work on the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar Project, to extend the term of the partnership, and to outline the roles and responsibilities of each Local Agency. Another revision to the MOU was approved by Council on September 27, 2012 to extend the term of the previous MOU and to make minor modifications to the voting structure and quorum requirements for the Policy Steering Committee established by the MOU and to add the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) as the Project Manager.

An appropriation of \$38,750 from the Transportation Systems Management Fund (Fund 2012) was made in 2013 to cover staff time and expenses associated with the work being performed by the Project Management Team. The Policy Steering Committee (PSC) was made aware of the project schedule necessary to begin collecting revenue in late 2017 as well as the budget necessary to complete Project Development. The PSC was advised that \$13-15 million would be necessary to get the project through project development. That number has been revised down due to the ability to shift approximately \$3 million for vehicle specifications out of project development and into the vehicle procurement process.

The addition of \$1,500,000 from the Sheraton MOPA Project Fund (Fund 2030) will bring the sum total for Project Development to \$11,100,000 as follows:

- \$5,000,000 SACOG 2013/14 Flexible Funding Grant Program
- \$1,600,000 Sacramento Regional Transit
- \$3,000,000 City of West Sacramento (over two years)
- \$2,000,000 City of Sacramento

Development contributions in the amount of \$500,000 are still being negotiated as additional funding for the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar Project Development from the City of Sacramento.

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR TRANSIT FEDERAL FUNDING APPLICATION FOR THE DOWNTOWN/RIVERFRONT STREETCAR TRANSIT PROJECT (S15131800)

BACKGROUND

- A. The City has been working in cooperation with the City of West Sacramento, the Sacramento Regional Transit, the Yolo County Transportation District, and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments to complete the engineering, environmental analysis, and special studies necessary to seek grant funding through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to help fund the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar Starter Line.
- B. Completion of the work necessary to enter into and ultimately complete the Project Development Phase of the project is estimated to cost \$12,000,000.
- C. SACOG has awarded \$5,000,000 of this total through the 2013/14 Flexible Funding Program; Regional Transit is anticipated to contribute \$1,600,000; West Sacramento is contributing \$3,000,000.
- D. A contribution from the City of Sacramento is needed to help fund the work necessary to approach the FTA to enter into and complete the Project Development phase ahead of a Small Starts Grant award.

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

- Section 1. The FY 13/14 Capital Improvement Program budget is amended by appropriating \$1,500,000 from the Sheraton MOPA Project Fund (Fund 2030) to the Downtown/Riverfront Streetcar Transit Project (S15131800) for the purposes of funding the Transit Federal Funding Application.