



REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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Consent
November 28, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Application to the State of California for Bicycle Transportation Account Funding

Location/Council District: Niños Parkway Bike Trail, Phase 2: South Natomas, the Western Area Power Authority Easement between West El Camino and B-Drain Canal. Location map – Exhibit A of Resolution. (District 1)

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) approving the submission of an application for Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) to fund Phase 2 of the Niños Parkway Bike Trail; 2) authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute the Local Agency-State Bicycle Transportation Account Agreement with Caltrans if the project is awarded a state BTA grant; 3) appropriating up to \$688,000 of State Grant Funds (Fund 512) to the Niños Parkway Bike Trail Project (PN: HC61) if the project is awarded a State BTA grant; and 4) appropriating a local funding match of \$69,000 (Fund 796) from the administrative contingency of the South Natomas Facilities Benefit Assessment fund to the Niños Parkway Bike Trail, Phase 2 (PN: HC61).

Contact: Edward Cox, Program Analyst, 808-8434; Theresa Arnold, Special Projects Engineer, 808-5514

Presenters: None

Department: Department of Transportation

Division: Engineering Services

Organization No: 3435

Description/Analysis

Issue: The State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has issued a call for projects to receive funding from the Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA). Staff recommendation is to submit an application to fund the final segment of the Niños Parkway Bike Trail (Phase 2).

The BTA provides state funds for city and county projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters. In late August, Caltrans issued a call for projects to be funded using the BTA. Local agencies that have a recently adopted Bicycle Master Plan are eligible to receive BTA funds. The current 2010 Sacramento City/County Bikeway Master Plan (BMP) was adopted by the City Council in 2001 and amended in 2004, which satisfies the requirements for this funding source. Applications for this cycle of funds are due to Caltrans on December 1, 2006.

Funding amounts for the BTA are \$5,000,000 per year statewide. The maximum any local agency can receive per year is \$1,250,000 with a required minimum 10% local match. While the City is eligible to apply for up to the maximum, there is strong competition for these funds across the state. Staff believes that the amount of money that is likely to be funded for any project is between \$300,000 and \$700,000.

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) completed a Master Plan for the overall development of the Niños Parkway in 2003. Both the Transportation and Parks Departments have received funds to construct portions of the parkway and bike trail. The funds received to date are sufficient to construct the portion of the bike trail between West El Camino Avenue and San Juan Road, otherwise known as Phase 1.

Phase 2 of the Bike Trail is the segment north of San Juan Road to the B-Drain Canal, including the crossing of San Juan Road. Connections further north will be built as part of the recently approved Parkebridge Subdivision.

In order to apply for the BTA funds for the Niños Parkway Bike Trail, the City must provide local funds in the amount of a minimum of 10% of the total project cost. The City Council approved South Natomas Facilities Benefit Assessment (FBA) project list identifies \$2,000,000 for "Bikeway System Design."

Policy Considerations: Leveraging of local funds with state or federal funding is consistent with Council policy on the use of local funds. 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.

The City has not received the Local Agency-State Bicycle Transportation Account Agreement for the Niños Parkway Bike Trail project and therefore it has not been reviewed and approved as to form by the City Attorney. However, reimbursement agreements with Caltrans are standardized and staff does not foresee any issue with the standard agreement.

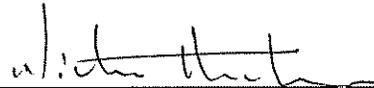
Environmental Considerations: This report is not considered a project as defined by Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines. The recommended action involves no physical construction and has no potential to cause a significant impact to the environment.

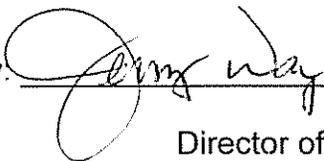
A Negative Declaration for the entire Niños Parkway has been prepared. A completed environmental document is one of the criteria to receive BTA funds.

Rationale for Recommendation: The Niños Parkway Bike Trail project is ranked Number 2 on the list of off-street bikeway projects in the 2006 Transportation Programming Guide (TPG). The Number 1 project in the TPG, the South Sacramento Parkway (west) is not eligible for this funding source at this time.

Financial Considerations: State funding will allow the City to deliver priority projects and programs sooner. Local match funding is available for the project being recommended. The estimated cost for Phase 2 of this project is \$688,000. The required local fund match of \$69,000 is being appropriated to the Niños Parkway Bike Trail, Phase 2 (PN: HC61). This local match will be provided by the administrative contingency of the South Natomas Facilities Benefit Assessment Fund (Fund 796), which has a balance of \$1,476,305 available as of 11/15/06. If the grant funds are awarded, they will be added to fund the project.

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

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Nicholas Theocharides
Engineering Services Manager

Approved by: 
Jerry Way
Director of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

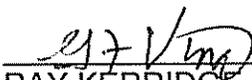

for RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**APPLICATION FOR BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT TO
FUND THE NIÑOS PARKWAY BIKE TRAIL
(PN: HC61)**

BACKGROUND

- A. The State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has issued a call for projects to receive funding from the Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA). The maximum any local agency can receive per year is \$1,250,000 with a required 10% local match.
- B. Phase 2 of the Niños Parkway Bike Trail is the segment north of San Juan Road to the B-Drain Canal, including the crossing of San Juan Road. Connections further north will be built as part of the recently approved Parkebridge Subdivision. The estimated cost is \$688,000. This project is the most qualified city bikeway project to receive BTA funding.

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

- Section 1. The submission of an application for the Bicycle Transportation Account to fund Phase 2 of the Niños Parkway Bike Trail is approved;
- Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to execute the Local Agency-State Bicycle Transportation Account Agreement with Caltrans if the project is awarded a state BTA grant.

The City has not received the Local Agency-State Bicycle Transportation Account Agreement for the Niños Parkway Bike Trail project and therefore it has not been reviewed and approved as to form by the City Attorney. Before the City Manager executes the agreement it will be reviewed and approved as to form by the City Attorney.

- Section 3. If the project is awarded a State BTA grant, the City Manager is authorized to appropriate up to \$688,000 of State Grant Funds (Fund 512) to the Niños Parkway Bike Trail Project (PN: HC61).

Authorization to Apply for Bicycle Transportation Account Funding November 28, 2006

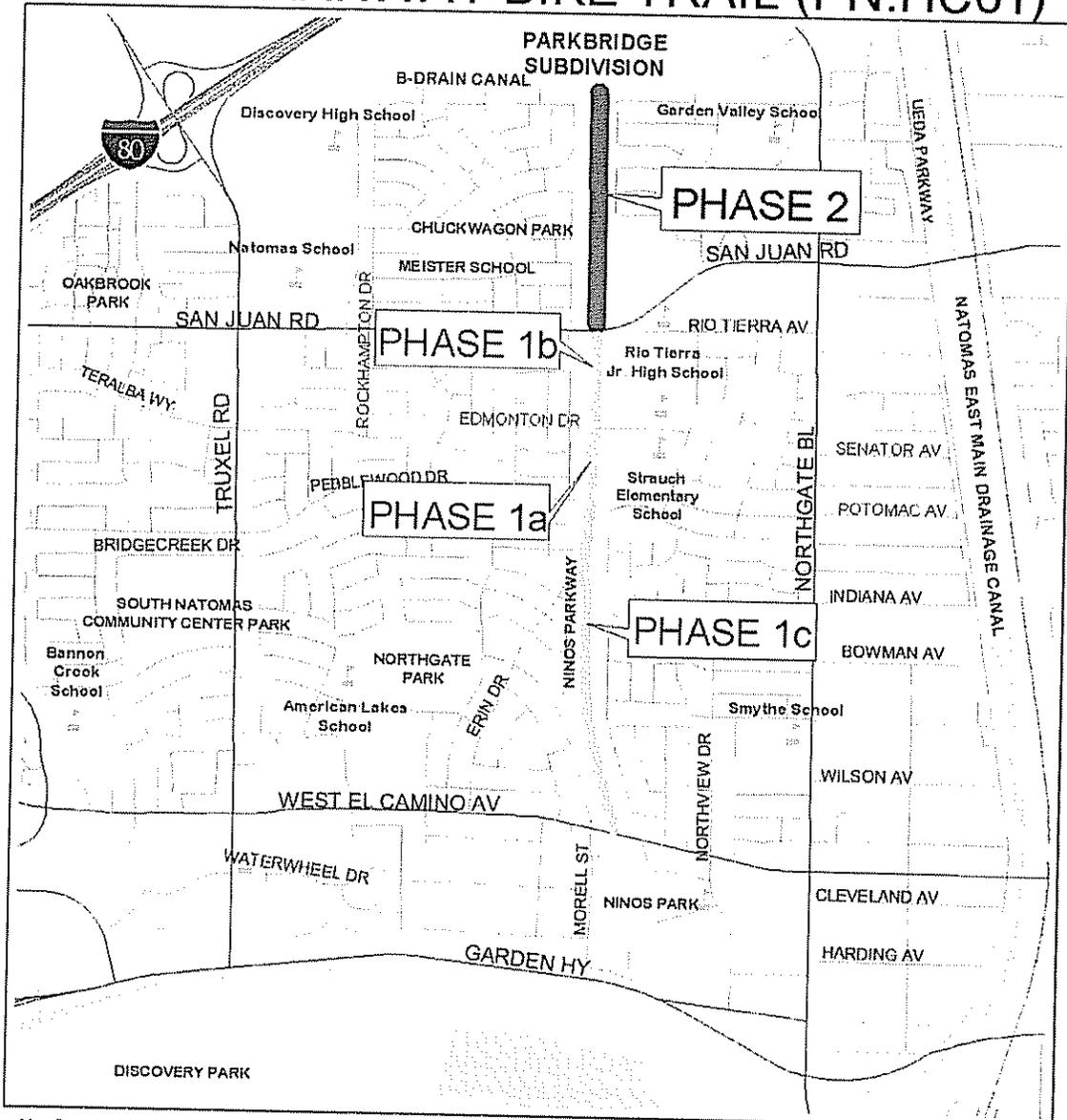
Section 4. The appropriation for a local funding match of \$69,000 (Fund 796) from the South Natomas Facilities Benefit Assessment fund to the Niños Parkway Bike Trail, Phase 2 (PN; HC61) is approved.

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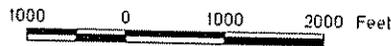
Exhibit A: Map of Niños Parkway Bike Trail (PN: HC61) – 1 page

EXHIBIT A

Location Map for
NINOS PARKWAY BIKE TRAIL (PN:HC61)



Map Contact: S. Tobin
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