REPORT TO COUNCIL
City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
September 25, 2007

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Grant – Two Rivers Trail Phase II

Location/Council District: Two Rivers Trail Phase II, Southern Border of the American River between Highway 160 and Sutter's Landing Regional Park, Council District 3

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution: 1) **Resolution** supporting the reprogramming and development of a Proposition 40 River Parkways grant application in an amount up to $1,500,000 to acquire recreation easements and develop Two Rivers Trail Phase II; 2) a **Resolution** a) authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents related to the grant application and to establish related revenue and expenditure budgets for the grant funds and appropriate the grant funds contingent on receipt of award; and 3) a **Resolution** requiring staff to return to Council if there is any significant change in requested dollar amounts, either grant or match.

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Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Administration

Organization No: 4511

Description/Analysis

Issue: The City of Sacramento secured a $1.5 million Proposition 40 River Parkways grant administered by the State Resources Agency to develop Jibboom Street Park Phase II along the Sacramento River at the former PG&E power station. On April 17, 2007, staff advised the Council that the project could not be delivered due to environmental constraints. The State Resources Agency has given the City an opportunity to reapply for the funds. Two Rivers Trail Phase II is the most grant-ready project that fits the grant program criteria, and can be completed in the timeframe requested by the grantor. The City Council's approval to reprogram and develop a new scope for this grant application is

needed.

Policy Considerations: Applying for capital grant funding is consistent with the policies in the *2005-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan* including:

Policy 6.6: Actively pursue grants, donations and sponsorships from the public, private and nonprofit sectors.

Policy 6.12: Base budget priorities on timely issues or needs, and the *Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Parks and Recreation Programming Guide* (PRPG) as adopted by the City Council.

Policy 15.2: Pursue dedicated and consistent funding for regionally serving parks and amenities, including regional parks, open space and parkways.

In addition, applying for capital grants is an element in the **Implementation Strategies** section of the *2005-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan* that states:

Implementation 6.3: Resource Development: Conduct research, develop strategies and execute fiscal projects for short and long term priority needs, including grants and partnerships, fiscal planning, budget forecasting, problem solving, auditing and reporting.

Providing Parks and Recreation facilities is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan to achieve sustainability and livability and to expand economic development throughout the City.

Commission/Committee Action: The Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) supported staff's recommendation to reprogram and develop a new scope for this grant application at its September 6, 2007 meeting.

Environmental Considerations: Support for capital grant proposals does not constitute a "project" and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 14501(b)(3) of the CEQA guidelines.

Rationale for Recommendation: After reviewing a number of projects in the *2006 Parks and Recreation Programming Guide (*PRPG), staff is recommending that the $1.5 million Proposition 40 River Parkways Grant originally intended for Jibboom Street Park Phase II be reprogrammed and a new proposal be

prepared to develop Two Rivers Trail Phase II. Staff has identified this project as the most "grant ready" project for this particular grant program because it is deliverable within the grant's timeframe, has environmental compliance, and is a grant-eligible river parkways project.

Financial Considerations: It is anticipated the total $1.5 million will be expended on the Two Rivers Trail Phase II project. No match is required for this grant; however, only 25% of the preliminary non-construction costs can be reimbursed by the grant. Staff time and other indirect costs will be paid from CIP HB68, Two Rivers Trail.

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

Respectfully Submitted by: _____

James L. Combs
Director, Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:

Cassandra H B Jennings

Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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ATTACHMENT 1

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40) was passed by the voters of California in November 2002. The Bond Act funds the acquisition and development of properties for the state park system, the acquisition and development of neighborhood, community, and regional parks and recreational areas, for land, air, and water conservation programs, including acquisition for those purposes, and to acquire, restore, preserve and interpret California's historical and cultural resources.

The Proposition 40 River Parkways Program is intended to provide funding for the acquisition and development of river parkways. Grant funds are awarded for the acquisition and restoration of public lands for projects undertaken for:

- The acquisition and restoration of riparian habitat, riverine aquatic habitat, and other lands in close proximity to river and stream trail projects, and
- River parkway projects undertaken by a state agency, city, county, or pursuant to a joint powers agreement between two or more of these agencies.

On November 18, 2003, the City Council supported a $1.5 million proposal under the Proposition 40 River Parkways Program for development of Jibboom Street Park Phase II along the Sacramento River. Phase II was not deliverable due to environmental constraints. In April 2007, staff advised the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council that Jibboom Street Park Phase II was not achievable due to environmental requirements and that public/private development opportunities are possible in the project area just north of the former PG&E power station, and that staff would return with alternative recommendations.

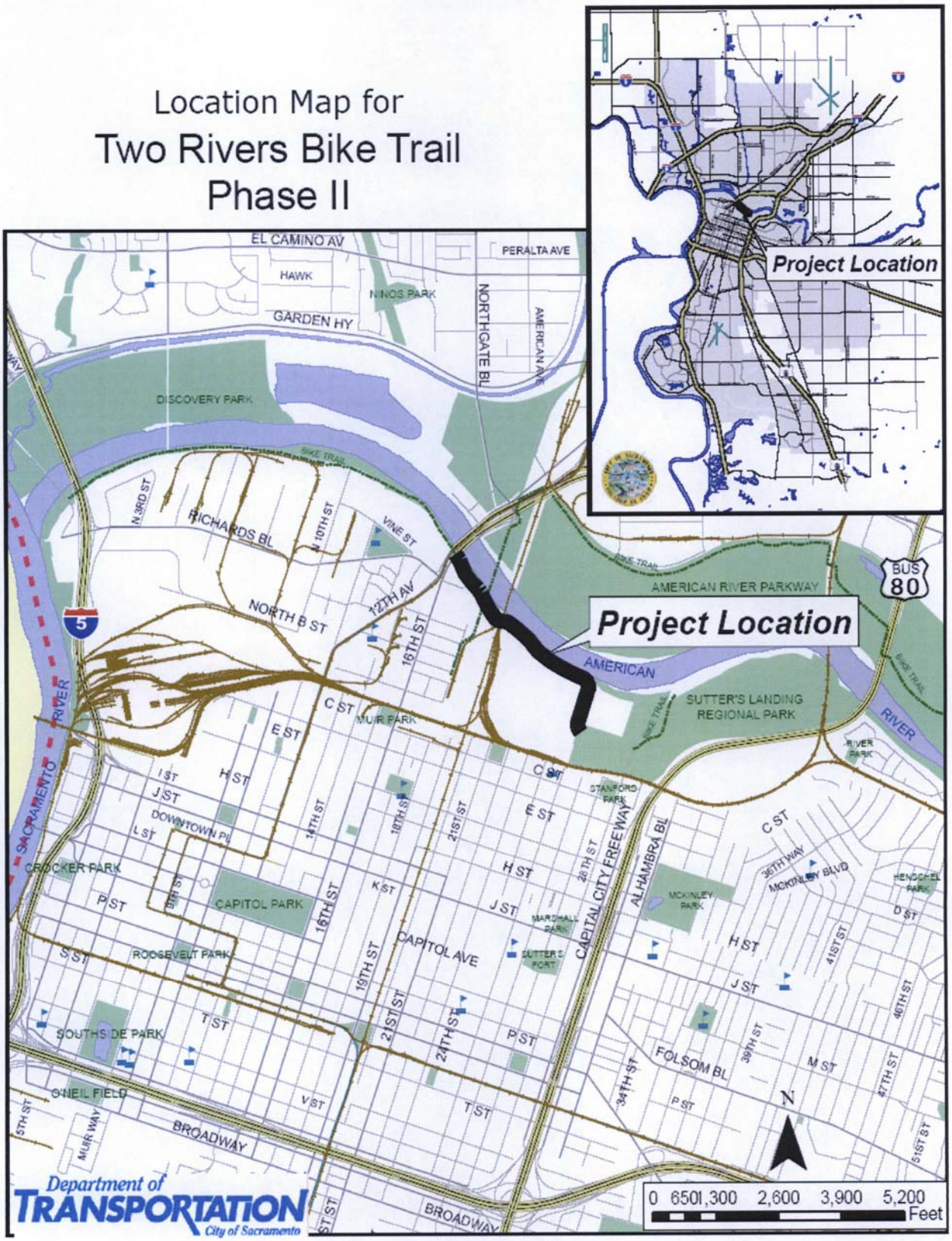
Staff recommends a grant application be prepared to acquire property and develop Two Rivers Trail Phase II. Two Rivers Trail Phase I, along the southern border of the American River from Tiscornia Park to Highway 160, was opened to the public in November 2006. It was funded primarily through a State Proposition 40 River Parkway Grant.

The proposed project will continue the Two Rivers Trail from North 12th/16th (Highway 160) to Sutter's Landing Regional Park. The Two Rivers Trail Phase II Acquisition & Development project is a priority in the City Council approved *2006 Parks and Recreation Programming Guide (PRPG),* fits the following grant program criteria, and is projected to be completed by summer 2010, the timeframe given by the State Resources Agency:

- Acquire land to provide access to rivers, streams, or river parkways
- Develop, improve or enhance trails or trailhead or trailside facilities along rivers, streams or river parkways, for walking, cycling and equestrian purposes.
- Develop new trails that link existing river or stream trails.

Location Map for

Two Rivers Bike Trail Phase II



RESOLUTION NO. 2007-xxxx

RESOLUTION OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the State Resources Agency has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the applicants governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the project

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

1. Approves the filing of an application for the development of Two Rivers Trail Phase II);

2. Certifies that applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application form, and

3. Certifies that applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s); and

4. Certifies that applicant has reviewed and understands the Special and General Provisions contained in the Sample Project Agreement shown in the Procedural Guide; and

5. Appoints the City Manager as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project(s).

Approved and adopted the 25th day of September 2007. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number _____ was duly adopted by the Sacramento City Council.

Following Roll Call Vote: Ayes: _____

Nos: _____

Absent: _____

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Clerk/Secretary for the Governing Board

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-xxxx

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

September 25, 2007

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE PROPOSITION 40 RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT APPLICATION AND TO ESTABLISH RELATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR THE GRANT FUNDS AND APPROPRIATE THE GRANT FUNDS CONTINGENT ON RECEIPT OF AWARD FOR TWO RIVERS TRAIL PHASE II PROJECT.

BACKGROUND

A. The Proposition 40 River Parkways Program is intended to provide funding for the acquisition and development of river parkways. Grant funds are awarded for the acquisition and restoration of public lands for project undertaken for:

- The acquisition and restoration of riparian habitat, riverine aquatic habitat, and other lands in close proximity to river and stream trail projects, and
- River parkway projects undertaken by a state agency, city, county city and county or pursuant to a joint powers agreement between two or more of these agencies.

B. The City of Sacramento will be requesting up to $1,500,000 from the Proposition 40 River Parkways Program for the development of Two Rivers Trail Phase II. The Proposition 40 River Parkways Program has no match; however, only 25% of the preliminary non-construction cost can be reimbursed by the grant. Staff time and other indirect costs will be paid from General Funds in the City's Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Program for regional facilities.

C. On November 18, 2003, the City Council supported a $1.5 million proposal under the Proposition 40 River Parkways Program for development of Jibboom Street Park Phase II along the Sacramento River. Phase II was not deliverable due to environmental constraints. Staff recommends reprogramming of this grant to acquire property and develop Two Rivers Trail Phase II.

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

Section 1. Support the reprogramming and development of a Proposition 40 River Parkways grant application in an amount up to $1,500,000 to acquire

recreation easements and develop Two Rivers Trail Phase II;

Section 2. Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to the grant application and to establish related revenue and expenditure budgets for the grant funds and appropriate the grant funds contingent on receipt of award.

Section 3. Require staff to return to Council if there is any significant change in requested dollar amounts, either grant or match.