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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached resolution approving the Traffic Mitigation Program Thirteenth Annual Report (Fiscal Year 2003-2004) and making findings relative thereto, and amend the Traffic Mitigation Program to add the following projects:

- **I-710 Corridor Improvements:**
With the completion of the I-710 Major Corridor Study, the next steps include moving the project through environmental clearance, as well as the initiation of physical improvements to adjacent surface streets and other short-term operational improvements. This project incorporates eligible capacity enhancing transportation improvements in Long Beach that have been identified within the adopted locally preferred strategy, and provides a local match to state and federal funding that may be secured to initiate those projects.
- **I-405 Freeway/Orange Avenue Improvements:**
Improvements to the Orange Avenue interchange at the I-405 Freeway will be required due to developments in the area, including Home Depot in Signal Hill, which has already contributed \$232,500 toward the cost of the improvement. The improvements include the installation of a traffic signal and the widening of the existing off-ramp in order to realign the free right-turn portion of the off-ramp into a standard perpendicular intersection with Orange Avenue.
- **SR-91/I-605 Freeway Corridor:**
The Gateway Cities COG has initiated a preliminary study with impacted cities to determine whether physical improvements will be needed in the SR-91/I-605 Corridor to accommodate future growth. This project incorporates eligible capacity enhancing projects in Long Beach that may be identified through this study, and provides a local match to state and federal funding that may be secured to initiate those projects.

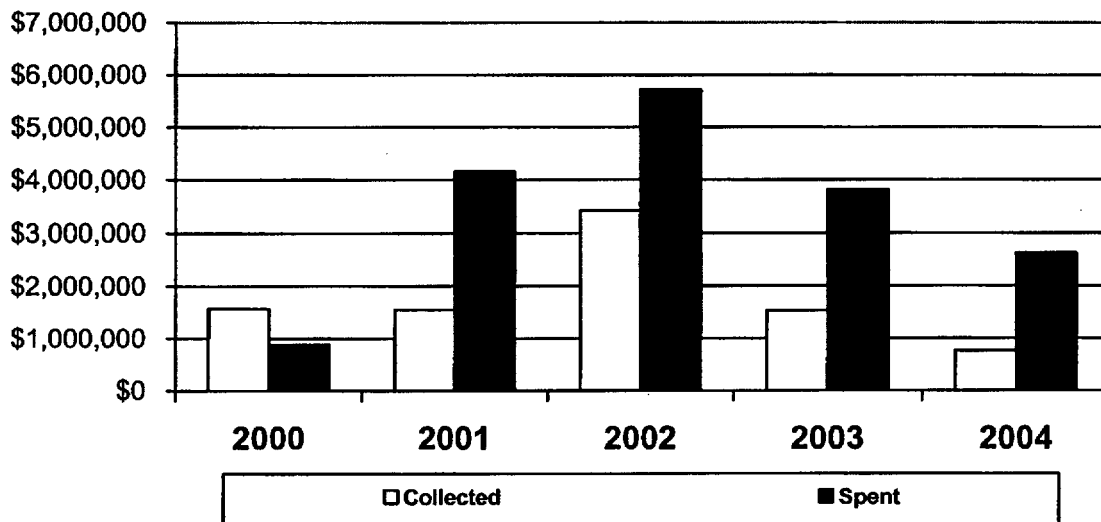
DISCUSSION

The Thirteenth Annual Traffic Mitigation Program Report (Exhibit A of the attached resolution) summarizes the status of implementation of the citywide Traffic Mitigation Program (TMP), and provides detailed information on development, capital improvement and financial activity related to the program. This report covers the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

The TMP is the City's program for implementing the transportation improvements needed to meet increased traffic resulting from economic growth using a combination of public funds, such as gas tax, federal grants, and impact fees from new development. The TMP was designed as the mechanism by which the City could implement its basic access strategy to support economic growth, while protecting neighborhoods and maintaining mobility. The fees collected may only be used for capacity-enhancing transportation improvements to address travel demand resulting from new development, such as street widenings and traffic operational improvements.

A total of \$762,000 in Transportation Improvement Fund (TIF) fees was collected, and \$2.6 million was spent during Fiscal Year 2004 (FY 04), reducing the fund balance to \$13.3 million.

TIF Fees Collected and Spent Annually



As shown, since 2001, expenditures outpace fees collected in that particular year.

In FY 04, the City issued permits for 222 residential units, 372,309 gross square feet of industrial development, and 192,649 gross square feet of commercial development, which will generate an estimated 1,159 afternoon peak hour trips each weekday.

During the reporting period, numerous traffic mitigation projects were underway, completed or nearing completion. These ranged from traffic operational improvements to right-of-way acquisition to street widening. Notable accomplishments included:

- The widening of Spring Street between Long Beach Boulevard and California Avenue.
- Completion of design and initiation of construction of transit-related street improvements and new signal construction on Anaheim Street from the I-710 Freeway to Pacific Coast Highway.
- The widening of the intersection at Del Amo and Atlantic, and the installation of a new traffic signal for the North Long Beach Police Substation.

The existing Traffic Mitigation Program is largely based upon improvements identified in the Transportation Element of the General Plan, which was adopted in 1991. Three program changes are recommended within this report. However, the City has begun the process to update the Transportation Element, renamed the Mobility Element, in conjunction with the update of the Land Use Element. The new Mobility Element will identify and reprioritize transportation improvements needed to address the traffic capacity needs of more recent developments and proposed land uses that did not exist or were not anticipated over a decade ago. Those results will be incorporated into the TMP upon completion in 2006.

The attached report describes program implementation during the reporting period of the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. This report is provided in accordance with Traffic Mitigation Program Ordinance No. C-6836 (as amended by Ordinance No C-6848), adopted on December 18, 1990, and Airport Area Assessment District Ordinance No. C-6776, adopted August 28, 1990, as well as Long Beach Municipal Code Chapters 18.17 and 18.19 and California Government Code Sections 66001 and 66006.

Principal Deputy City Attorney Michael Mais reviewed this letter and the attached report and prepared the resolution on April 28, 2005. Budget Management Officer David Wodynski reviewed the letter on April 6, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

The recommended action would have no fiscal impact, since it would not change TMP revenues or expenditures. These revenues and expenditures are allocated through the City's annual budget process.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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