



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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March 15, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to accept and administer Bicycle Transportation Account funds and to increase appropriations in the Gas Tax Street Improvement Fund (SR 181) in the Department of Public Works (PW) by \$353,000 (\$303,000 in Bicycle Transportation Account funds and \$50,000 in Redevelopment Agency Funds). (District 2)

**DISCUSSION**

In March 1996, the City of Long Beach opened a revolutionary bike-transit center in the heart of downtown. The first of its kind in this country, Bikestation Long Beach was an 18-month demonstration project that connects bicyclists with the First Street Transit Mall, a nexus for light rail, buses, pedestrians and a local shuttle that services key sights and attractions.

The purpose of the facility is to encourage commuters to use their bicycles as a mode of transportation and to increase intermodal usage on public transportation by offering parking in a secure area and other amenities, such as repairs and rentals, a changing room and restroom, and bike accessories shop.

As a demonstration project, Bikestation Long Beach's site on the northwest corner of First Street and The Promenade has always been temporary. The City of Long Beach Redevelopment Agency (Agency) plans to build a mixed-use project on this site. However, the Agency has set aside an existing building on the Transit Mall for Bikestation Long Beach to occupy on a permanent basis.

Funding from Caltran's Bicycle Transportation Account will be used to complete the necessary tenant improvements for the permanent home for Bikestation Long Beach. In addition to securing a permanent location, the move will allow Long Beach Bikestation to expand their services to include secure bicycle parking 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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This letter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna Gwin on February 25, 2005 and David Wodynski, Budget Management Officer, on February 10, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on March 15, 2005, in order to begin expending the Bicycle Transportation Account funds, which became available on July 1, 2004.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$353,000, of which \$303,000 will come from the Bicycle Transportation Account and \$50,000 will come from the Agency. The Agency will also provide an in-kind match of \$75,000, representing the rental value of the land and facility, which will be rented to Bikestation Long Beach for an annual nominal amount. Since the funds from the Bicycle Transportation Account and the Agency are unbudgeted, an appropriation increase is included in the recommendation above.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

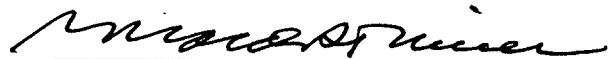
Respectfully submitted,



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