



# Building A Better Long Beach

June 6, 2011

## REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS

City of Long Beach

California

### RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a Reimbursement Agreement with Long Beach Transit for streetscape improvements on the First Street Transit Mall between Pine and Pacific Avenues in an amount not to exceed \$925,000. (Downtown – District 1)

### DISCUSSION

In February 2009, the Redevelopment Agency (Agency) embarked on the Pine Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project (Project) to improve and enhance a major corridor in the downtown. The Project scope includes Pine Avenue from Shoreline Drive to 8th Street, including east/west connections along Broadway and 3rd Street (from Pacific Avenue to Long Beach Boulevard) and First Street (from Pacific Avenue to Elm Avenue). During the planning and design phase of the Project, Long Beach Transit received American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding to reconstruct the First Street Transit Mall including new bus stops, pedestrian lighting, landscaping, public art, repainting the historic street lights, and street resurfacing. The Agency collaborated with Long Beach Transit to include the Pine Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project scope into the Transit Mall improvement project.

The ARRA funds only paid for that portion of the Transit Mall between Pine Avenue and Long Beach Boulevard. The Department of Development Services and Department of Public Works (Public Works) staff worked together to identify funding to extend the improvements to the portion of First Street between Pine and Pacific Avenues. Funds from Proposition A, a portion of sales tax dedicated to transportation improvement projects, were identified and made available for this work. Public Works closely coordinated implementation of the expanded project with Long Beach Transit and Agency staff, and was able to complete the additional First Street segment.

Through the Agency's collaboration with Long Beach Transit and Public Works, a portion of the Pine Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project was constructed at no cost to the Agency with ARRA and Proposition A funds. The Agency is being asked to

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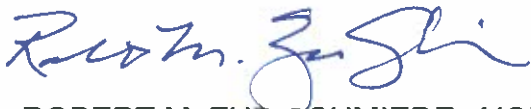
approve a Reimbursement Agreement (Agreement) in an amount not to exceed \$925,000, which will permit Proposition A funds to be used to reimburse Long Beach Transit. The financial obligation under this Agreement will be paid entirely from Proposition A funds. Under the terms of the Agreement, the Agency is acting solely as a conduit to transfer Proposition A funds to Long Beach Transit.

Execution of this Agreement is subject to the City Council approving a quarterly budget adjustment authorizing the transfer of the Proposition A funds and making them available for this project. This request is scheduled to be considered by the City Council on June 7, 2011.


SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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