



January 5, 2010

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution committing to provide the local match for a Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) Grant to complete gaps in the Long Beach bicycle network if the City's application is selected for funding; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to administer and execute all necessary contracts and documents to accept and expend all BTA grant funds in connection therewith, and to take all other actions necessary to implement the use of such funds. (Districts 3, 4, 8)

DISCUSSION

Caltrans issued a call for applications to provide funding for bicycle projects that are included within cities' adopted Bicycle Master Plans. Long Beach has a Bicycle Master Plan that was adopted on July 11, 2001. Cities were encouraged to submit applications that: 1) focus primarily on bicycle commuters; 2) have the potential to increase bicycle commuting; and 3) provide or improve bikeway connectivity to activity centers. The following project was developed to complement both existing bike routes and bike routes that are funded and planned for implementation in the coming year. An application has been submitted to eliminate gaps in the bicycle routes at four locations as detailed in the Bicycle Master Plan (see attached map):

1. **Clark Avenue from Willow Street to Anaheim Street.** This Class II bike lane will connect to the existing Class III bike lane on Clark Avenue north of Willow Street and will provide a key connection between the new Class II bike lanes on Atherton Street to Anaheim Street to provide a better connection to CSULB, Veterans Hospital and Wilson High School.
2. **Bellflower Boulevard from Atherton Street to 6th Street.** This Class II bike lane will connect to the existing Class II bike lanes on Bellflower Boulevard north of Atherton Street, and will provide a key connection to the new Class II bike lane on Atherton Street and the recently funded bicycle boulevard planned for 6th Street from Bellflower Boulevard to Junipero Avenue.

3. **Del Amo Boulevard from Long Beach Boulevard to the LA River Bike Path.** This Class II bike lane will connect to the existing Class III bike lane on Del Amo Boulevard east of Long Beach Boulevard, and will provide a key on-street connection to the LA River Bike Path.
4. **Broadway from Loma Avenue to Nieto Avenue.** This Class II bike lane will connect the existing Class III bike lane on Loma Avenue and Nieto Avenue, including a small median island in the area between Park Avenue and Nieto Avenue. This will also serve the commercial corridor on Broadway.

Project costs are estimated at \$510,000. A 15 percent match requirement would equate to \$76,500, resulting in a grant request of \$433,500. If this grant application is funded, the local match will be provided from the City's Capital Projects Fund utilizing Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds. TDA funds are limited to the construction or enhancement of pedestrian and bike facilities.

This matter was reviewed by Principal Deputy City Attorney Charles Parkin on December 18, 2009 and Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on December 17, 2009.

SUSTAINABILITY

This project will improve the cycling environment in Long Beach and encourage the use of bicycles, which will emit no greenhouse gas emissions, and may reduce overall vehicle trips, further reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Cycling also provides positive collateral effects of improving the health and fitness of society.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

The funding agency requires that the City Council adopt a resolution of commitment that it will fulfill the application's matching requirements prior to awarding the funds. This resolution must be received by Caltrans by January 9, 2010, so approval at the January 5, 2010 Council meeting is required.

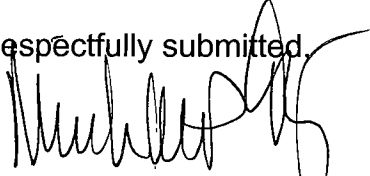
FISCAL IMPACT

If this grant application is successfully funded, the City will be required to commit \$76,500 in TDA funds to the project. The City annually receives approximately \$300,000 in TDA funds. If this grant is approved, future TDA funds will be encumbered for this project. An appropriation increase will be requested if the grant is approved by Caltrans. There is no impact to the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:


Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



MICHAEL P. CONWAY
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

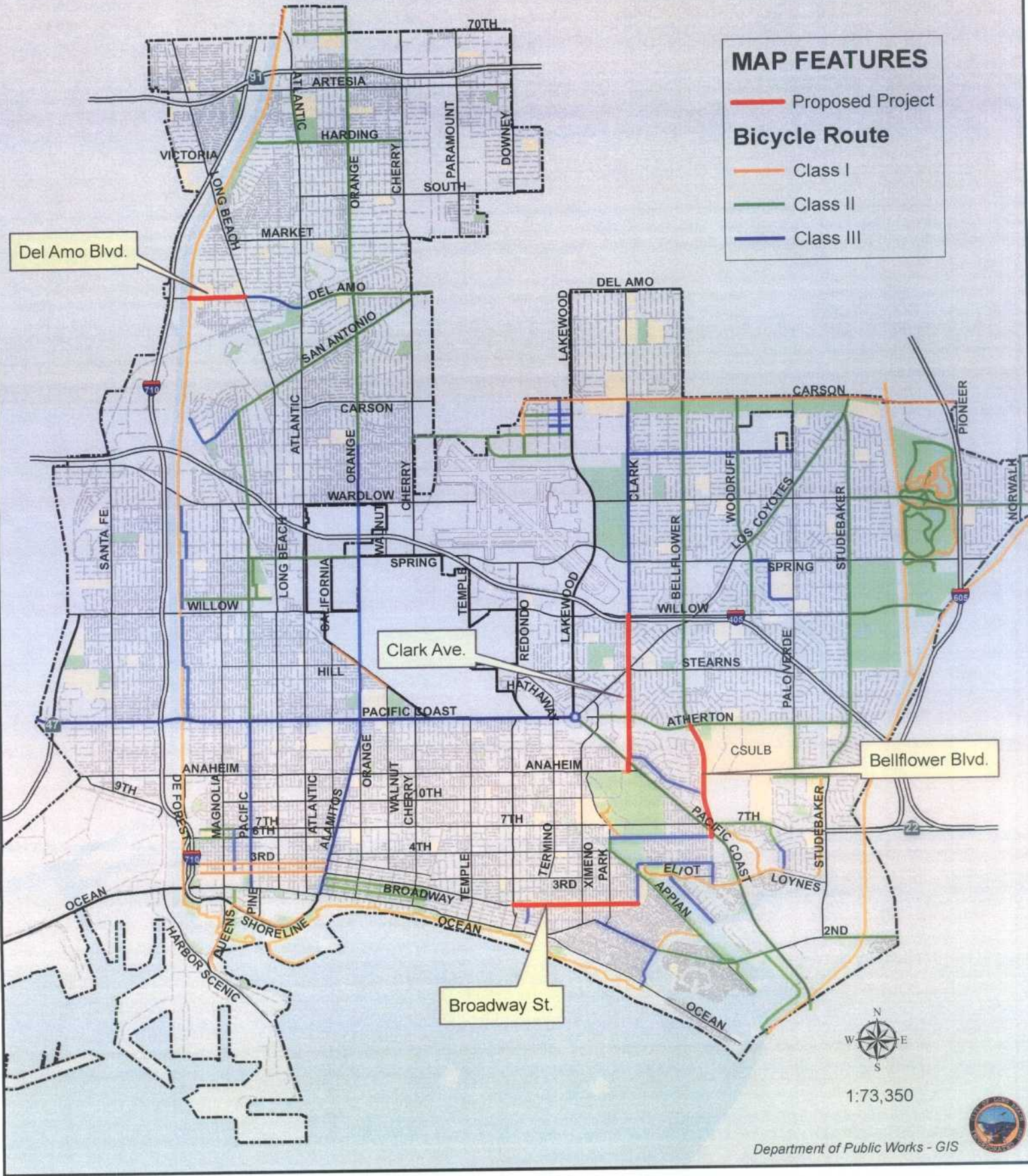
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Attachments: Locations Map
Resolution

CITY OF LONG BEACH

Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA)

Proposed Bikeway Projects



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1 RESOLUTION NO.

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE CITY
5 MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR AND
6 ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR
7 THE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT GRANT
8 PROGRAM

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10 WHEREAS, the California Streets and Highway Code Section 893 requires
11 the California Department of Transportation ("Caltrans") to make funds available to city
12 and county projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters; and

13 WHEREAS, Caltrans issued a call for applications to provide funding for
14 bicycle projects that are included within cities' adopted Bicycle Master Plans; and

15 WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach desires to receive Bicycle
16 Transportation Account Grant funds to complete gaps in the Long Beach bicycle network
17 at various locations;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
19 follows:

20 Section 1. That the filing of an application for Four Hundred Thirty-Three
21 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$433,500) in grant funds from the Caltrans Bicycle
22 Transportation Account Grant Program, with a fifteen percent (15%) local match of
23 Seventy-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$76,500).

24 Section 2. The City certifies that it has or will have funds available from
25 the City's bicycle transportation funding from the Transportation Development Act Fiscal
26 Year 2011 allocation to fulfill Caltran's local matching requirements.

27 Section 3. The City Manager is authorized to execute and submit all
28 documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments and

1 payment requests which may be necessary.

2 Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
3 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

4 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
5 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 20__ by the
6 following vote:

7 Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

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11 Noes: Councilmembers: _____

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13 Absent: Councilmembers: _____

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17 City Clerk

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