

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

333 WEST OCEAN BOULEVARD . LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90802

August 15, 2006

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution making certain findings regarding the construction of certain public improvements with Central Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area Funds. (District 7)

DISCUSSION

On January 18, 2005, the City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the issuance of Tax Increment Revenue Bonds. With these bond revenues, several important public projects are planned in Central Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area (Central), including the Santa Fe Corridor median replanting project (Exhibit A).

The Central Long Beach Strategic Guide for Development (Strategic Guide) has identified specific projects within Central that will serve as catalysts for neighborhood revitalization. Some of the major priorities identified by the community are development of open space and street improvements.

Redevelopment Agency (Agency) staff has been working with staff from the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department to develop construction plans and specifications for the complete revitalization and replanting of the existing median along Santa Fe Avenue from Pacific Coast Highway to Wardlow Road. Those plans and specifications are now complete and the project is ready to move forward.

Before the Agency may proceed with the aforementioned projects, California Redevelopment Law requires the City Council to adopt a Resolution (attached) making the following findings:

• That the construction of such public improvements are of benefit to the Redevelopment Project Area or the immediate neighborhood in which the public improvement project is located;

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Economic Development (562) 570-3800

Housing Services (562) 570-6949

Workforce Development (562) 570-3700

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Property Services (562) 570-6221

Project Development (562) 570-6480

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- That no other reasonable means of financing the public improvements are available to the community; and
- That the payment of Agency funds for the construction of the public improvements will assist in the elimination of one or more blighting conditions within the project area.

This letter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Heather A. Mahood on July 28, 2006, and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on August 3, 2006.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on August 15, 2006, to allow for the immediate initiation of the transactions.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for the projects listed above is currently budgeted in the Redevelopment Fund (RD) in the Community Development Department (CD). There is no impact to the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR PATRICK H. WEST DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

APPROVED:

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GERALD R. MILLER CITY MANAGER

PW:CB:LM:dc Attachments:

Exhibit A - Santa Fe Corridor Site Map Resolution

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