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August 10, 2004

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Funding for Safe Routes to Schools Program Grant (District 3)

DISCUSSION

The City of Long Beach has been awarded a grant through the 2003 Safe Routes to Schools program, which is administered by Caltrans using state and federal funds and is reserved for projects that protect the safety of children traveling to and from school. This grant will be used to install a traffic signal and other pedestrian safety elements at Park Avenue and 10th Street near Woodrow Wilson Classical High School. The application was made to mitigate some of the hazards generated in the area by the school's proximity to Joe Rogers Field, Blair Field and the Billy Jean King Tennis Center. Specifically, the project includes converting the current four-way stop controlled intersection to an intersection with a traffic signal and installing approximately 400 feet of sidewalk and curb ramps to provide a safe pedestrian pathway along the entrance to the park.

The City collaborates with the Long Beach Unified School District to identify needed safety improvements at elementary, middle and high schools citywide. Several applications were submitted for funding consideration, but only one Long Beach project was selected by Caltrans for funding in this cycle.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Donna Gwin on March 9, 2004 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on March 11, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on August 10, 2004, to accept the funds and begin design and implementation of this project.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Project costs are estimated at \$162,800. Of that amount, 90 percent, or \$146,520, will be covered with grant funds from the Safe Routes to Schools Program. The remaining ten percent, or \$16,280 will be funded by transportation improvement fees that are currently budgeted in Capital Improvement Project No. PW5341 in the Capital Projects Fund (CP) in the Department of Public Works (PW). Since the \$146,520 in grant funding is currently unbudgeted, an appropriation increase is included in the recommendation below.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

- 1) Authorize the City Manager to execute documents necessary to accept and administer the Safe Routes to Schools Program Grant funds; and
- 2) Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund (CP) in the Department of Public Works (PW) by \$146,520.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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