



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

333 WEST OCEAN BOULEVARD • LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90802

June 14, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute a Cooperation Agreement between the City of Long Beach, BIKEable Communities, dba Bikestation Coalition, and the Redevelopment Agency for the design and construction of a new Bikestation facility at 221-223 E. First Street with California Department of Transportation grant funds. (District 2)

DISCUSSION

In October 1995, the Redevelopment Agency (Agency) designated the northwest corner of First Street and The Promenade as the site for an 18-month Bikestation demonstration project, reportedly the first of its kind in the United States. With funding provided through a Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) grant, the Long Beach Bikestation (Bikestation) was constructed and has continued to operate at that location. However, this site is part of the land now under construction by The Olson Company for their residential development on The Promenade at First Street.

As a result, the Bikestation will relocate to the northeast corner of The Promenade and First Street, adjacent to the Long Beach Transit Center building at 223 E. First Street. The new Bikestation will utilize the First Street patio of the amphitheater for the rental and repair of bicycles and for their existing food service. On an interim basis, the patio on the northeast side of the amphitheater will be used for commuter bicycle storage (Exhibit A – Site Map). In addition, the Bikestation will share the restroom facilities located in the Long Beach Transit Center building. When Long Beach Transit moves to the new Transit/Visitor Information Center planned for development at the southeast corner of Pine Avenue and First Street, the Bikestation will occupy all of the current transit center building and vacate the second patio.

The City has received a grant from the California Department of Transportation (DOT) for design and construction of the new Bikestation facility. The grant provides funding in the amount of \$303,000 from the State, with matching Redevelopment funds in the amount of \$125,000, for a total funding amount of \$428,000. The City Council accepted the grant and Agency match at their meeting on March 15, 2005.

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In order to memorialize this arrangement, the City Council needs to enter into a three-party Cooperation Agreement with the Agency and the Bikestation for the Agency's use of the City's grant funds and for the Bikestation's management of the construction of the new facility.

The City's Environmental Planning Officer has determined that the project contemplated by the Agreement qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (Exhibit B - Categorical Exemption).

This letter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Heather A. Mahood on May 16, 2005, and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on May 24, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on June 14, 2005, in order to facilitate the relocation of the Bikestation.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. The City Council accepted the grant from DOT, including the required matching Redevelopment funds (RD), at their meeting on March 15, 2005.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



CRAIG BECK
ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER

Attachments: Exhibit A - Site Map
Exhibit B - Categorical Exemption