

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

333 West Ocean Blvd., 3rd Floor Long Beach, CA 90802 (562) 570-5237 Fax: (562) 570-6205

March 19, 2013

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to submit an application to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for a Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant;

Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to submit an application to Caltrans for an Environmental Justice Transportation Planning Grant; and

Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to accept these transportation planning grants from Caltrans for up to \$550,000, and execute all documents necessary to accept the funds. (Districts 7 and 9)

DISCUSSION

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) annually awards grants for the preparation of transportation planning studies. The grants are intended to promote strong and healthy communities, economic growth, and enhanced mobility within cities. The Departments of Development Services and Public Works are requesting authorization to submit two grant applications to Caltrans for the Transportation Planning Grant Program within two separate categories to revitalize the Artesia Boulevard Corridor and restructure the Terminal Island Freeway.

In 2012, the City submitted these same grant proposals for the Transportation Planning Grant Program but was unsuccessful. City staff is working with Caltrans District 7 staff to prepare more competitive applications for this funding cycle, and believe these two projects are worthy of reconsideration. As the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles continue to grow, neighborhoods adjacent to the Terminal Island (TI) and Artesia Freeways continue to bear a disproportionate share of the negative impacts from goods movement.

Resolutions have been prepared that authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for, accept, and appropriate up to \$550,000 in Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant Program funds. If the City is awarded funding, the Grants will be used to develop new implementation strategies for Artesia Boulevard and the TI Freeway in order to create healthy and revitalized multi-modal corridors serving the needs of the surrounding neighborhoods. Extensive community outreach will be conducted for the development of these plans.

This matter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Michael J. Mais on February 21, 2013 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on March 5, 2013.

SUSTAINABILITY

The projects will result in new green infrastructure conceptual plans and standards to facilitate new public investment to support walking, bicycling and transit usage. In addition, the planning effort will identify new open space opportunities and ways to increase access to existing park space.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on March 19, 2013 in order to submit the grant applications with the resolutions by the April 2, 2013 deadline.


FISCAL IMPACT

If the grant applications are successful, the City will receive up to \$550,000 in grant funding over two years from Caltrans. The grants require a ten percent match of \$55,000. Matching funds are available in the Transportation Fund (SR 182) in Department of Public Works (PW). A request for appropriations is pending the results of the application process. There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund and no known jobs impact associated with the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



AMY J. BODEK, AICP
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

AJB:AM:DB:IB
P:/...planning/grants/Caltrans planning grant 2013



ARA MALOYAN
ACTING DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC WORKS

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

Attachment: Resolution – Community Based Transportation Planning Grant
Resolution – Environmental Justice Transportation Planning Grant

1 RESOLUTION NO.
2

3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE CITY
5 MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT A GRANT
6 APPLICATION FOR UP TO \$300,000 UNDER THE
7 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
8 (CALTRANS) FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 COMMUNITY-
9 BASED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT FOR THE
10 ARTESIA BLVD. CORRIDOR AND COMMIT MATCHING
11 CITY FUNDS UP TO TEN PERCENT (10%) OF GRANT
12 MONIES RECEIVED
13

14 WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has
15 invited applications for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Community-Based Transportation
16 Planning with funds available for the preparation of transportation planning studies; and

17 WHEREAS, Community-Based Transportation Planning Grants are
18 intended to promote strong and healthy communities, economic growth, and enhanced
19 mobility within cities; and

20 WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach desires to develop new implementation
21 strategies in order to create a healthy and revitalized multi-modal commercial corridor
22 serving the needs of the surrounding neighborhoods of the Artesia Blvd. Corridor (the
23 "Project");

24 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
25 follows:

26 Section 1. That the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to apply to
27 the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for a Community-Based
28 Transportation Planning Grant to provide funds for the Project.

1 Section 2. That the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to take all
2 necessary steps to secure the grant funds from Caltrans to provide funds for the Project.

3 Section 3. That the City Manager, or designee, is authorized and
4 empowered to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but
5 not limited to contracts, subcontracts, applications, agreements, extensions, renewals,
6 payment requests, and amendments of funding providing by Caltrans which may be
7 necessary for the completion of the Project.

8 Section 4. That the City Manager, or designee, is authorized, for and on
9 behalf of the City, to accept, appropriate, expend, and administer the grant funds, if
10 secured, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the approved grant for
11 the Project, including a ten percent (10%) match requirement up to \$30,000.00.

12 Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
13 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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

17 Ayes: Councilmembers: _____
18 _____
19 _____
20 _____

21 Noes: Councilmembers: _____
22 _____

23 Absent: Councilmembers: _____
24 _____

27 _____
City Clerk

28