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CITY OF LONG BEACH

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application through the Recreational Trails Program to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, in the amount of \$206,455 for the Red Car Greenway Trail Project, and to execute any documents necessary for the implementation and administration of the project. (District 6)

DISCUSSION

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (Department) has identified a grant opportunity for funding trail development through the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Recreational Trails Program (RTP). The RTP provides funding to states annually through the Federal Highway Administration for recreational trails and trail-related projects. Funds are available for both motorized and non-motorized projects, with approximately \$2.2 million available statewide for non-motorized projects. The grant requires a 20 percent minimum non-federal match.

In 2001, the City received a grant for \$2.4 million through the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) for the acquisition and partial construction of land along the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PEROW) between Walnut Avenue and Martin Luther King Avenue. The PEROW parcel between Walnut Avenue and Orange Avenue is currently in escrow; however, only partial funding is available to complete the development of the site.

If awarded, the RTP grant will provide the final funding in the amount of \$206,455 for the development of the bicycle and pedestrian trail on the PEROW between Walnut Avenue and Orange Avenue, the Red Car Greenway Project. Specifically, the trail development will consist of a concrete bicycle and pedestrian path, irrigation, turf, landscaping, bicycle racks, benches, and signage.

This item was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on August 31, 2005, and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on September 1, 2005.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on September 13, 2005 to allow submission of the grant application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation in Sacramento by the due date of October 3, 2005.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total project cost is estimated at \$999,330. If funded, the grant monies will offset \$206,455 of the project development costs. The remaining \$792,875 has been funded through both an MTA grant in the amount of \$582,750, currently budgeted in the Capital Projects Fund (CP) Program PR3070, in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PR), and through a City match of \$210,125 from Park Impact Fees. If the RTP grant is awarded by the state, the Department will request City Council approval to accept and appropriate the funds. Once the construction of the project is complete, the City will incur ongoing maintenance costs that have been envisioned in the FY 06 or future budgets.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

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Attachments:

Resolution

APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER