

Mayor Antonio Lopez • Mayor Pro Tem Sylvia Ballin Councilmember Jesse H. Avila • Councilmember Joel Fajardo • Councilmember Robert C. Gonzales Interim City Manager Fred Ramirez

San Fernando City Council Special Meeting Notice & Agenda MARCH 17, 2014 – 4:30 pm Community Meeting Room

LOMMUNITY MEETING ROOM 117 Macneil Street San Fernando, CA 91340

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Fernando City Council will hold a Special Meeting on **Monday, March 17, 2014, at 4:30 p.m.,** in the Community Meeting Room, located at 117 Macneil Street, San Fernando, California.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Antonio Lopez

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC STATEMENTS - WRITTEN/ORAL

There will be a three (3) minute limitation per each member of the audience who wishes to make comments in order to provide a full opportunity to every person who desires to address the City Council. Only matters contained in this notice may be considered.

STUDY SESSION

1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE PACOIMA WASH BIKEWAY PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

Recommend that the City Council approve the preparation and submittal of a State of California Active Transportation Program grant application to replace and increase the City's original 2007 Metro Call for Projects grant award, for the Pacoima Wash Bikeway Project.



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RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

- A) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL TO DISCUSS MATTER OF EXISTING LITIGATION (G.C. §54956.9(D)(1)
 Name of Case: City of San Fernando et al v Wantanabe
 LASC Case No.: 34-2013-80001550-CU-WM-GDS
- B) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL TO DISCUSS MATTER OF POTENTIAL LITIGATION/ SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION (G.C. §54956.9(D)(2) AND §54956.9(E)(1) AND (§54956.9(E)(3) One (1) Matter

RECONVENE/REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted on the City Hall bulletin board not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Elena G. Chávez, City Clerk Signed and Posted: March 13, 2014 (5:00 p.m.)

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

| TO: | Mayor Antonio Lopez and Councilmembers | | | | |
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| FROM: | Federico Ramirez, Interim City Manager By: Marlene M. Miyoshi, Interim Public Works Director | | | | |
| DATE: | March 17, 2014 | | | | |
| SUBJECT: | Consideration to Approve Pacoima Wash Bikeway Project Grant Application Submittal | | | | |

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the preparation and submittal of a State of California Active Transportation Program grant application to replace and increase the City's original 2007 Metro Call for Projects grant award, for the Pacoima Wash Bikeway Project (Project).

BACKGROUND:

- 1. In 2007 the City successfully applied to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Call for Projects for funding of the Pacoima Wash Bikeway Project. The Project consists of the construction of a 1.6 mile Class I bikeway and pedestrian path along the Pacoima Wash and implements a part of the Pacoima Wash Greenway Master Plan.
- 2. The Project construction cost was estimated at \$2,496,000 that includes the Metro funding of \$1,513,000 and a local match of \$983,000. Additionally, Mountain Recreation Conservation Authority (MRCA) has secured a separate grant for the design and engineering for the Pacoima Wash Greenway.
- 3. The City had previously committed Redevelopment Agency funds to the local match and subsequently \$350,000 of Measure R funds to the local match after the demise of California redevelopment agencies. MRCA and the City have been seeking other grant opportunities to close the funding gap.
- 4. In September 2013, new legislation was passed to establish the Active Transportation Program (ATP) and fund the 2014 Metro Call for Projects. However, this legislation and another recent piece of legislation created a Metro Call for Projects funding gap of \$90 million that includes the City's Pacoima Bikeway Project grant. Metro is now requiring all

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eligible project sponsors of Call projects to (re)apply for the new Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant funds. Metro will provide assistance to redraft the grant application through a Metro selected consultant but the City will have to indicate intent before March 21.

5. Staff presented a staff report at a Special Council Meeting on March 11, 2014 (Attachment "A") for City Council consideration and approval of a grant submittal that would include the original grant amount and an additional amount to fund the total estimated construction cost. As part of City Council feedback, City staff work was directed to work with MRCA to identify potential costs for the following items: 1) lighting, virtual patrol (event-driven police video surveillance camera system), and potential maintenance costs for the life of the project. Subsequent to discussion, the City Council continued the item for consideration at the next City Council meeting on March 17, 2014. (As of the writing of this report, City staff was working with MRCA to identify these additional costs in order to provide an update at the scheduled meeting.)

ANALYSIS:

City Council requested additional information with regard to security concerns and on-going maintenance costs. It is possible to increase the project budget in the event City should choose to add a security system to the bikeway. As such, staff has recalculated the maximum Metro grant amount that could be requested based on the City 11.5% local match. The City could apply for a maximum of \$2,690,000 for the project. The exact grant application amount will be finalized during discussions with the Metro consultant.

MRCA will be presenting information to respond to City Council's request for additional information.

BUDGET IMPACT:

None.

CONCLUSION:

Staff is recommending that the City Council approve of the submittal of a Metro grant application for the Pacoima Wash Bikeway Project, in an amount up to \$ 2,690,000.

ATTACHMENT:

A. March 11, 2014 City Council Staff Report

ATTACHMENT "A"

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

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| DATE: | March 11, 2014 | | | |
| SUBJECT: | Consideration to Approve Pacoima Wash Bikeway Project Grant Application Submittal | | | |

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the preparation and submittal of a State of California Active Transportation Program grant application to replace and increase the City's original 2007 Metro Call for Projects grant award, for the Pacoima Wash Bikeway Project (Project).

BACKGROUND:

- 1. The Pacoima Wash is a tributary of the Los Angeles River, running from Angeles National Forest in the north to the Tujunga Wash in the south. In 2003/2004 the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, Department of Landscape Architecture prepared the Pacoima Wash Greenway Master Plan that covers a length of 3.2 miles. 1.6 miles of the Pacoima Wash is through the City of San Fernando. The Plan focuses on the importance of restoring the functionality of natural systems within an urban context, while meeting the recreational and social needs of the community.
- 2. The Plan was prepared with support from the City of San Fernando, the City of Los Angeles Councilmember Alex Padilla, Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority (MRCA), Pacoima Beautiful, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the U.S. Forest Service -Angeles National Forest, the State of California Assembly Member Cindy Montanez, and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.
- 3. In 2007 the City successfully applied to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Call for Projects for the Pacoima Wash Bikeway Project in the city limits. The grant was awarded for a total of \$1,513,000. The Project consisted of the construction of a 1.6 mile Class I bikeway and pedestrian path along the Pacoima Wash, and implements a part of the Pacoima Wash Greenway Master Plan. The Project is also consistent with the policy recommendations in Metro's 2006 Bicycle Transportation Strategic Plan.

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- 4. The Project construction cost is estimated at \$2,496,000 that includes the Metro funding of \$1,513,000 and a local match of \$983,000. The City originally offered the use of Redevelopment Agency funds as the local match. Pursuant to the City's request, the grant was extended to allow for continued funding efforts and delayed construction to 2016.
- 5. Since 2008, the MRCA has worked with the City to seek additional funding for the project and secured a separate \$983,000 grant for the design and engineering of the total Pacoima Wash Greenway Master Plan.
- 6. The City offered the use of Redevelopment Agency funds as the local match to the original Metro grant. However, pursuant to State legislation, the California redevelopment agencies across the State were disbanded in 2012. The City Council subsequently approved a commitment of Measure R funds in the last two years totaling \$110,000. This is two of a five year Measure R commitment by the City, that will total \$350,000 for the local match.
- 7. In September 2013, new legislation was passed to establish the Active Transportation Program (ATP) and fund the 2014 Metro Call for Projects. However, this legislation and another recent piece of legislation created a Metro Call for Projects funding gap of \$90 million that includes the City's Pacoima Bikeway Project grant. Metro is now requiring all eligible project sponsors of Call projects to (re)apply for the new Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant funds (Attachment "A").

ANALYSIS:

The Project will be completely contained in the Flood Control right-of-way except for the area north of Foothill Blvd, which is owned by the Army Corps of Engineers. The bikeway will be designed to Class 1 Bike Path Standards and City standards, and will include three bridges and five underpasses. The Project is expected to be implemented in two phases due to funding limitations: bikeway first and landscaping second. A staff report presented to the City Council on June 4, 2012 is provided herein, which provides an overview of the project and the project cost estimate (Attachment "B").

The Mountain Recreation & Conservation Authority, Pacoima Beautiful, and the LA County Bicycle Coalition have actively been seeking additional funds for the Project to close the funding gap. LA County Bicycle Coalition has been in discussions with County Supervisor Yaroslavsky for a possible commitment of \$50,000 to \$100,000 to the Project. It was also expected that the new Active Transportation Program (ATP) Call for Projects would provide a second grant opportunity to secure additional Project funding. While this is still true, as mentioned above, the City must now re-apply for the original Metro grant. The current circumstances now presents an opportunity to not only re-apply for the original Project grant, but to increase the grant amount up to the \$2,146,000 needed for the Project.

Metro is offering to provide assistance to redraft the grant applications through a Metro selected consultant but the City will have to indicate intent before March 21. The schedule of deadlines is as follows:

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- March 21, 2014 First Cycle of ATP begins
- April 24, 2014 Metro consultant submits draft ATP grant applications to project sponsors for review and comment
- May 14, 2014 Metro consultant submits final applications to project sponsors
- May 21, 2014 ATP applications due.

BUDGET IMPACT:

None.

CONCLUSION:

In 2004 the City assisted in the preparation of the Pacoima Wash Greenway Master Plan for the betterment of the community and the surrounding areas. The commitment to the Pacoima Wash Bikeway Project has allowed the City and other stakeholders to stay the course in spite of funding setbacks along the way. The Pacoima Wash Greenway vision continues to be relevant today as it was ten years ago.

Staff is recommending that the City Council approve of the submittal of a Metro grant application for the Pacoima Wash Bikeway Project, in an amount up to \$2,146,000.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Metro 1/24/2014 Memo Active Transportation Program Transition
- B. June 4, 2012 City Council Staff Report

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ATTACHMENT "A"

Metro

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952 213.922.2000 Tel metro.net

DATE: January 24, 2014

TO: DISTRIBUTION

FROM: MARTHA WELBORNE, FAIA CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER COUNTYWIDE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

SUBJECT: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM TRANSITION

The Metro Board of Directors will soon be considering my recommendation that all Active Transportation Program (ATP) eligible project sponsors of current Metro Call for projects grants (see list in Attachment A) apply for ATP funds before they may receive a Call for Projects grant. Those grantees that have an existing Letter of Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding with Metro are to be exempt from this requirement. The Active Transportation Program (ATP) is a new state program created by Senate Bill 99, signed into law September 26, 2013, to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as bicycling and walking.

Because of the changes brought about by the passage of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) and the ATP, there is a potential shortfall of approximately \$90 million in the Metro Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Call for projects from FY 2014 to FY 2019. The \$90 million gap includes funding for projects programmed in the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Transportation Enhancement Alternatives (TEA) categories of the Call for Projects Program. If a solution is not found to close the gap, projects in any mode of the 2013 Call for Projects or future Calls could be at risk of delayed, reduced, or deprogrammed funding.

In order to address the Call for Projects funding plan gap, Metro must ensure that we have a strong list of projects with good prospects in the ATP's competitive selection process. Metro is therefore requiring all eligible project sponsors of Call projects to apply for the new ATP funds. After the results of the State and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) ATP processes are known. Metro will make its best effort to fund unsuccessful ATP applicants. These efforts are of course limited to projects that had previously been successful in our Call for Projects process.

Metro is offering to provide assistance to redraft the grant applications through a Metroselected consultant for the first ATP cycle. The following timelines apply:

<u>February 20. 2014</u> - Sponsors of projects on the Attachment A must contact Erina Hong at <u>honge@metro.net</u> or (213) 922-2002 to confirm interest in Metro's consultant support;

February 27. 2014 - Metro Board of Directors action on ATP/Call for Projects Transition Policy;

March 2014 - Metro consultant support kick-off meetings;

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March 21, 2014 - First Cycle of ATP begins;

<u>April 24. 2014</u> – Metro consultant submits draft ATP grant applications to project sponsors for review;

May 14. 2014 - Metro consultant submits final applications to project sponsors; and

May 21. 2014 – ATP applications are due to Caltrans, SCAG, and Metro from project sponsors.

Should you have other new ATP projects, we encourage you to apply on your own. Successful projects must be able to be awarded for construction (or other phases) by December 2016. Non-construction phases will be required to lay out a credible plan of finance for project completion.

Should you have any questions, please contact Patricia Chen at (213) 922-3041 or Erina Hong at (213) 922-2002.

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Attachment A

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Projects Targeted for Grant Assistance for State Active Transportation Program (\$ In thousands)

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| Agency | Project ID | Project | Total | Balance | Cumulative Balence |
|-------------------------|------------|---|-------|---------|-----------------------|
| ARCADIA | F3607 | ARCADIA GOLD LINE STATION PEDESTRIAN | 1,546 | 1,545 | 1.546 |
| BURBANK | F1502 | SAN FERNANDO BIKEWAY | 6,595 | 5,834 | 7.380 |
| COVINA | F5501 | COVINA BIKE NETWORK PHASE 2 | 827 | 827 | 8,207 |
| LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE | F5522 | FOOTHILL BLVD. LINK BIKEWAY & PEDESTRIAN GREENBELT PROJECT | 1.366 | 1,366 | 9,573 |
| LA CITY | F1520 | IMPERIAL HWY BIKE LANES | 1.506 | 1,506 | 11.079 |
| LACITY | F1524 | SAN FERNANDO RD BIKE PATH, PHASE 3A (10S-049) | 8,370 | 8,370 | 19.449 |
| LACITY | F3516 | LA RIVER BIKE PATH, PHASE 4, RIVERSIDE - FOREST LAWN | 1.827 | 1,827 | 21.276 |
| LA CITY | F3635 | W. 3RD ST PED IMPROVEMENTS, LA CIENEGA | 486 | 486 | 21.762 |
| LA CITY | F3643 | BOYLE HEIGHTS CHAVEZ AV STREETSCAPE/PED IMPROV. | 2,788 | 2,788 | 24,550 |
| LA CITY | F3656 | CENTRAL AV PED/TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS, SLAUSON-WASH. | 1,697 | 1,697 | 28.247 |
| LACITY | F3657 | BEVERLY BL PED/TRANSIT IMPRVMNTS, VERMONT-BEAUDRY | 1,099 | 992 | 27.239 |
| LACITY | F5518 | LA RIVER BIKE PATH, HEADWATERS, OWENSMOUTH-MASON | 2,815 | 2,815 | 30.054 |
| LA CITY | F5632 | HOLLYWOODWESTERN PED & STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS | 2.222 | 2,222 | 32,276 |
| LACITY | F5620 | EXPO LINE PED IMPROVEMENTS, CRENSHAW-CITY LIMIT | 2.311 | 2,311 | 34,587 |
| LA CITY | F3510 | FIGUEROA CORRIDOR BIKE STATION & ENHANCEMENTS | 1,105 | 1.005 | 35.593 |
| LA CITY | F1663 | SUNSET JUNCTION TRANSIT PLAZA | 1,337 | 1,108 | 36.701 |
| LA CITY | F1662 | SOLANO CANYON-ZANJA MADRE- CHINATOWN-BROADWAY BUS STOP IMPROV. | 892 | 739 | 37,440 |
| LA CITY | F1611 | CESAR CHAVEZ TRANSIT CORRIDOR (110 FWY TO ALAMEDA) | 1,692 | 1,409 | 36.849 |
| LA CITY | F1535 | BICYCLE WAYFINDING SIGNAGE PROGRAM | 403 | 283 | 39,132 |
| LA CITY | F1613 | EXPO LINE STN STREETSCAPE PROJECT- EAST CRENSHAW TO JEFFERSON | 2,609 | 2,151 | 41,283 |
| LA CITY | F7817 | VERMONT AVE STORMWATER CAPTURE & GREENSTREET TRANSIT PROJECT | 1,145 | 1,145 | 42.428 |
| LA CITY | F3630 | MAIN STREET PEDESTRIAN ENHANCEMENTS | 827 | 827 | 43.255 |
| LA CITY | F3850 | WESTERN AVE EXPO LINE STATION LINKAGE PROJECT (SOUTH) | 686 | 686 | 43.941 |
| LA CITY | F3647 | MENLO AVE/MLK VERMONT EXPO STATION PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS | 1.687 | 1,687 | 45,628 |
| LA CITY | F3651 | EASTSIDE LIGHT RAIL PEDESTRIAN LINKAGES, PHASE II | 1.075 | 1,075 | 46.703 |
| LA CITY | F3515 | SAN FERNANDO RD, BIKE PATH PH. IIIB CONSTRUCTION | 8,571 | 8,571 | 55.274 |
| LA CITY | F3646 | ARTS DISTRICT/LITTLE TOKYO GOLD LINE STATION LINKAGES | 869 | 783 | 56.057 |
| LA COUNTY | F3521 | WILLOWBROOK AREA BIKEWAY IMPROVEMENTS (10S-049) | 457 | 457 | 56,514 |
| LA COUNTY | F5515 | FLORENCE BLUE LINE STATION BIKE ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS | 695 | 695 | 57,209 |
| LA COUNTY | F3519 | NORTH COUNTY BIKEWAYS, NEAR SANTA CLARITA | 1,274 | 820 | 58,029 |

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Attachment A

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Projects Targeted for Grant Assistance for State Active Transportation Program (\$ in thousands)

| Agency | Project ID | Project | Total | Balança | Cumulative Balance |
|------------------------|------------|---|-------|---------|-----------------------|
| LA COUNTY | F1511 | EASTSIDE LIGHT RAIL BIKE INTERFACE PROJECT | .941 | 941 | 58.970 |
| LA COUNTY | 8150 | SAN JOSE CREEK BICYCLE TRAIL, PHASE 2 | 1,243 | 1,243 | 60,213 |
| LA COUNTY | F5514 | VERMONT AV BIKE LANE, MANCHESTER-EL SEGUNDO | 2.671 | 2,671 | 62.884 |
| LA COUNTY | F3628 | WILLOWBROOK AREA PEDESTRIAN | 3,439 | 2,889 | 65,773 |
| LONG BEACH | F7615 | MARKET STREET PEDESTRIAN AND STREETSCAPE ENHANCEMENTS | 3.234 | 3,234 | 59.007 |
| PASADENA | F3603 | EAST COLORADO BOULEVARD PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PHASE (2) | 603 | 603 | 69.610 |
| PASADENA | F3602 | NORTH FAIR OAKS AV PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS | 624 | 624 | 70,234 |
| PASADENA | F3522 | CORDOVA ST BIKE & PED IMPRVMNTS, ARROYO PWKY - HILL | 2,881 | 2,881 | 73,115 |
| RANCHO PALOS VERDES | F1506 | BIKE COMPATIBLE RDWY SAFETY AND LINKAGE ON PALOS VERDES DR | 630 | 574 | 73,689 |
| RANCHO PALOS VERDES | F1605 | PEDESTRIAN SAFE BUS STOP LINKAGE | 1,117 | 975 | 74,654 |
| REDONDO | F3502 | REDONDO BEACH BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION | 1,559 | 1,559 | 76,223 |
| SAN FERNANDO | F1505 | SAN FERNANDO PACOIMA WASH BIKE PATH | 1,513 | 1,513 | 77.736 |
| SAN GABRIEL | F5806 | SAN GABRIEL BLVD STREETSCAPE, FAIRFVIEW-GRAND | 583 | 583 | 78,319 |
| SAN GABRIEL | F1804 | LAS TUNAS DRIVE STREETSCAPE ENHANCEMENTS | 641 | 641 | 78,950 |
| SANTA MONICA | F3612 | COLORADO PEDESTRIAN PROMENADE: LRT STATION TO PIER/BEACH | 3.284 | 3,284 | 82.244 |
| TEMPLE CITY | F7812 | LAS TUNAS DRIVE COMPLETE STREETS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT | 1,277 | 1,277 | 83.521 |
| TEMPLE CITY | F7526 | LAS TUNAS DRIVE BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS | 2.722 | 2,722 | 86,243 |
| TEMPLE CITY | F7618 | LAS TUNAS DR IMPROVEMENTS AND SAFETY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT-PED | 2,910 | 2,910 | 89,153 |
| TORRANCE | F3624 | DOWNTOWN TORRANCE PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT | 793 | 793 | 89,946 |

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ATTACHMENT "B"

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Brenda Esqueda and Councilmembers

FROM: Al Hernández, City Administrator By: Ron Ruiz, Public Works Director

DATE: June 4, 2012

SUBJECT: Pacoima Wash (Including Funding Source)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council receive and file this report.

BACKGROUND:

- 1. In January, 2007, the Public Works Department submitted Call for Projects Applications to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for the San Fernando Pacoima Wash Bike Path and the San Fernando Road Downtown Pedestrian Improvement Projects.
- 2. In September, 2008, grant funds were approved and programmed in Metro's project database.
- 3. In September 2009 2011, grant funds were extended and Metro re-programmed the funds to be available for use in Fiscal Year (FY) 2016/17.
- 4. On March 27, 2012, Public Works staff received a notice from Metro requesting cities to submit a financial plan for the matching requirements for the two Call for Projects.
- 5. On April 11, 2012, the City Council approved the deobligation of grant funds for the San Fernando Road Downtown Pedestrian Improvement Project and directed staff to identify alternative matching grant funds for the San Fernando Pacoima Wash Bike Path project.

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ANALYSIS:

Project Scope

The Pacoima Wash Bike Path Project consists of the construction of a 1.6 mile, Class I bikeway and pedestrian path along the Pacoima Wash. The project will directly link to other existing and planned bikeways in the City of Los Angeles. The project will include three bridges, five underpasses, and eight access points. It will provide connectivity between Foothill Blvd., the Civic Center, and the existing San Fernando Road Rail Right-of-way Bike Path. It will also provide access to six major cross streets with bicycle facilities at Foothill, Eighth, Seventh, Gloenoaks, Fifth, and Fourth Streets; and rail and bus service and other major destinations, such as the newly built high school, a shopping center, and the Regional Pool Facility. This project implements policy recommendations in Metro's 2006 Bicycle Transportation Strategies Plan.

The project has been awarded \$1,513,000 in grant funds for the design and construction of the project. However, \$982,000 is needed in matching funds per the terms of the grant award for a total project cost of \$2,495,000. The original budget for the project included matching funds from the Redevelopment Agency, which are no longer available.

Matching Funds

In order for Metro to not deobligate grant funds for the project, staff has met with Metro, the Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority (MRCA) and Pacoima Beautiful, who have worked on the project over the last five years to identify alternative matching funds. Through the assistance of the MRCA, they have secured a contribution in the amount of \$100,000 from Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky for the project. The MRCA has also committed to provide \$150,000 from their own agency funds for the project. It has also been learned from Metro that the project does need to begin construction until 2016, which will give the city needed time to identify new matching funds.

Recommended Project Strategy

With the additional time available to prepare for the project as confirmed by Metro, staff recommends the following strategy to not deobligate the funds and begin construction of the project in 2016. The attachment provided with this report includes a preliminary estimate for the project and a list of proposed matching funds (Attachment "A"). Metro has already stated that they are receptive to the following plan.

Measure R Funds

Beginning in FY 2012/13, the city would budget Measure R funds over the next four years to provide approximately \$354,000 in matching funds for the project. Measure R funds are typically used for related street projects including street maintenance projects. These funds are also used to address the annual deficit in Fund 27 (Street Lighting). However, with an annual proposed allocation of \$50,000 to \$77,000 for the project shown in the attachment, the impact to street services is expected to be minimal. If the City Council decides to not use Measure R funds, the additional grant funds will be needed as described below.

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Work with Other Stakeholders

Already in progress, staff will continue to work with the MRCA to secure additional grant funds for the project. Even with the additional committed funds from the MRCA and Supervisor Yaroslavksy, approximately \$378,000 is still needed to construct the full scope of the project. However, due to the community value and regional interest for the project, it is a strong candidate to receive additional grant funding. Potential grant funding sources include the following:

- Caltrans Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) to be awarded mid-2013
- Resources Agency Prop 84 River Parkways to be awarded mid-2013
- Resources Agency Prop 84 Urban Greening to be awarded spring 2013
- State Parks Prop 84 Statewide Park Program to be awarded spring 2013
- Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Prop 84 Los Angeles River Watershed-available now
- Safe Routes to Schools-availability to be determined

Reduce Scope of Project

If after all efforts are exhausted over the next few years and there are still not enough matching funds, the project can either be reduced in scope or constructed in phases as additional funds become available. Under this scenario, a reduced project scope would consist of only basic improvements to make the bike path functional during the day and closed at night. In a later phase when funds become available, lighting could then be installed to also make the bike path accessible during the evening hours. Staff has already analyzed the project under a reduced scope and has determined that with the recent funding support from the MRCA, Supervisor Yaroslavsky, and city Measure R funds the project is feasible under this scenario.

CONCLUSION:

Under the recommended strategy to complete the project, no further action is needed by the City Council other than approval of Measure R funds in FY 2012/13 for the project. The budgeted amount will be included the new FY 2012/13 to be considered by the City Council before the end of the current fiscal year.

BUDGET IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENT:

A. Preliminary Estimate and Proposed Matching Funds

PACOIMA WASH PROJECT* PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE

| | | Estimate | | | | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------|------|------------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Item No. | Item Description | Quantity | Unit | Unit Price | | TOTAL | |
| 1 | Asphalt | 2500 | TON | \$ | 91 | \$ | 227,500 |
| 2 | Grading | 1 | | \$ | 25,000 | \$ | 25,000 |
| 3 | Lighting | 60 | | \$ | 12,000 | \$ | 720,000 |
| 4 | Fencing | 16,896 | LF | \$ | 27 | \$ | 456,192 |
| 5 | Bridges | 3 | | \$ | 100,000 | \$ | 300,000 |
| 6 | Underpasses | 5 | | \$ | 70,000 | \$ | 350,000 |
| 7 | Landscaping | 1 | | \$ | 100,000 | \$ | 100,000 |
| 8 | Engineering & Design | 1 | | \$ | 80,000 | \$ | 80,000 |
| 9 | Permits | 1 | | \$ | 10,000 | \$ | 10,000 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | TOTAL | | | | \$ | 2,268,692 |
| 10 | Contingency @10% | | | | | \$ | 226,869 |
| | TOTAL PROJECT COST | | | | | \$ | 2,495,561 |
| AVAILABLE FUNDS | | | | | \$ | 2,117,219 | |
| | | FUNDING GA | ٨P | | | \$ | (378,342) |

*1.6 Miles/8,448 ft.

03/17/2014 PACOIMA WASH BIKE PATH PROJECT CITY OF SAN FERNANDO PROPOSED MATCHING FUNDS

PROPOSED CITY MATCHING FUNDS Measure R

\$ 217,000 FY 12-13 Allocation (1) \$ Expense (2) 160,000 Matching Funds Available \$ 57,000 FY 13-14 Allocation (1) \$ 217,000 \$ 140,000 Expense (2) \$ Matching Funds Available 77,000 \$ FY 14-15 Allocation (1) 217,000 Expense (2) \$ 140,000 Matching Funds Available \$ 77,000 FY 15-16 Allocation (1) \$ 217,000 \$ Expense (2) 145,000 \$ 72,000 Matching Funds Available FY 16-17 Allocation (1) \$ 217,000 \$ Expense (2) 145,781 \$ Matching Funds Available 71,219 TOTAL \$ 354,219

TOTAL PROPOSED FUNDS

| METRO | \$ 1,513,000 |
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| City | \$ 354,219 |
| MRCA | \$ 150,000 |
| Los Angeles County Supervisor Yaroslavsky | \$ 100,000 |
| Current Proposed Funds | \$ 2,117,219 |
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| Project Cost | \$ 2,496,000 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Matching Funds Gap | \$ 378,781 |

(1) Assume annual city allocation @ \$217,000

(2) Costs for Lighting Assessment District and some street projects