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Prepared By: Martin R. Erickson Agenda Item No. C-1

Reviewed By: City Manager [Signature] City Attorney [Signature] Finance [Signature] Other (Specify) _____

DATE: February 12, 2007

TO: City Council

FROM: Edmund F. Sotelo, City Manager

SUBJECT: Support for City's FY 2008 Federal Funding Requests

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council:

1. Execute a letter of support for the following FY 2008 federal funding requests: Rice Avenue/Highway 101 Interchange, Groundwater Recovery Enhancement and Treatment (GREAT) Program, South Oxnard Branch Library Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags, and Police Records Management System.
2. Authorize the City Manager to prepare the requisite grant applications for these projects.

DISCUSSION

The City Council has requested federal funding for critical projects for the City of Oxnard for many years. With a new session of Congress underway, and significant uncertainty about the amount of funding that will be available in the next federal budget, legislators are asking that projects be ranked and submitted to Congress by February 22, 2007, approximately one month earlier than usual. In cooperation with the City's legislative advocate, staff recommends that the City submit applications for the following four ongoing projects:

1. U.S. Highway 101/Rice Avenue/Santa Clara Avenue: This interchange is at the northern terminus of the Port Intermodal Corridor, and is the north-south arterial that crosses U.S. 101 – one of the major highways in Southern California. The City requests \$5,000,000 toward a \$26,000,000 funding shortfall.
2. The Groundwater Recovery Enhancement And Treatment (GREAT) Program: The GREAT Program is a comprehensive water supply program that would bring about the following

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benefits to the nearly 200,000 residents of Oxnard: Improving water quality deliveries, reducing imported water requirements, guaranteeing sufficient supply to meet increasing needs, alleviating severely depressed groundwater levels, and development of recycled water. The City requests \$14,000,000 through the Bureau of Reclamation through H.R. 2334 (Capps), and approval for this funding in the U.S. Senate.

3. South Oxnard Branch Library Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Equipment: The incorporation of a RFID system will allow the new state-of-the-art South Oxnard Branch Library to realize significant operating cost savings, allowing more resources to be devoted for library resources. The City requests \$275,000 for the cost of the RFID system.
4. Police Records Management System: Installation of a new Police Records Management System will greatly assist the Oxnard Police Department in the following ways: providing more timely crime information for crime analysis, increasing officer patrolling time by reducing staff time for manual paperwork, ensuring compliance with state and federal reporting, and enabling the Oxnard Police Department to provide better information to assist homeland security efforts. The City requests \$2,500,000 for this project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact at this time as this item involves legislative policy for on-going operations. The receipt of federal funds for these projects would benefit the City.

Attachment #1 Letter in support City's FY 2008 Federal Funding Requests.

February 13, 2007

The Honorable Lois Capps, Congresswoman
United States House of Representatives
1118 Longworth
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support of FY 2008 Funding Requests

Dear Congresswoman Capps:

On behalf of the residents of Oxnard, the Oxnard City Council thanks you for your past support of the City's federal program. The City Council encourages you to consider the City's FY 2008 funding requests and request that you encourage federal agencies to make the FY 07 funds available through a competitive process, so the City has the opportunity to secure some FY 07 funding to continue work on the projects that are considered top priorities. As you know, Oxnard's population of nearly 200,000 represents one-quarter of Ventura County's population, and these projects would provide significant benefits to the City's residents. The City's FY 08 funding requests are listed below in priority order:

1. U.S. Highway 101/Rice Avenue/Santa Clara Avenue: This interchange is at the northern terminus of the Port Intermodal Corridor, and is north-south arterial that crosses U.S. 101 – one of the major highways in Southern California. The City requests \$5,000,000 in FY 08 funding.
2. The Groundwater Recovery Enhancement And Treatment (GREAT) Program: The GREAT Program is a comprehensive water supply program that would bring about the following benefits to the nearly 200,000 residents of Oxnard: Improving water quality deliveries, reducing imported water requirements, guaranteeing sufficient supply to meet increasing needs, alleviating severely depressed groundwater levels, and development of recycled water. The City requests \$14,000,000 in FY 08 funding.
3. South Oxnard Branch Library Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Equipment: The incorporation of and RFID system will allow the new state-of-the-art South Oxnard Branch Library to realize significant operating cost savings, allowing more resources to be devoted for library resources. The City requests \$270,135 in FY 08 funding for the cost of the RFID system.

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4. Police Records Management System: Installation of a new Police Records Management System will greatly assist the Oxnard Police Department in the following ways: providing more timely crime information for crime analysis, increasing officer patrolling time by reducing staff time for manual paperwork, ensuring compliance with state and federal reporting, and enabling the Oxnard Police Department to provide better information to assist homeland security efforts. The City requests \$2,500,000 for this project.

The City Council desires to continue working with you and your staff to ensure that the City of Oxnard's Federal Program continues to be successful. Thank you again, for your past assistance and support of Oxnard. Please do not hesitate to contact Martin Erickson, Manager of Legislative Affairs at (805) 385-7870 should you have any additional questions about these projects.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas E. Holden
Mayor

Dean Maulhardt
Mayor Pro Tem

John C. Zaragoza
Councilmember

Andres Herrera
Councilmember

Timothy B. Flynn
Councilman

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