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Reviewed By: City Manager City Attorney Finance Other *Winegar*

DATE: November 4, 2011

TO: City Council

FROM: Cynthia Daniels, Project Manager Cynthia Daniels
Development Services Department

SUBJECT: **Approval of Request for Additional Funding for Transportation Projects Funded Through Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC)**

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council adopt a resolution ratifying the request for $2,985,700 in additional funding from VCTC for grant funds for quick programming from the congestion mitigation air quality improvement program, surface transportation program, or transportation enhancement program grants to be used for three transportation projects.

DISCUSSION

Background. City Council Resolution No. 14,102 has a revenue policy stating the City Council will seek to supplement the City's revenue base through the identification of and application for State and federal grant funds that will support identified needs. On October 7, 2011 VCTC issued a request for information on projects previously selected for funding that would require additional funds prior to June 30, 2012. VCTC has the capacity to provide additional funding to projects meeting the requirements of the federal surface transportation program (STP), congestion mitigation air quality improvement program (CMAQ), and transportation enhancement program (TE) because Congress extended the transportation programs contained in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) legislation. The deadline for submitting requests for additional funding was October 28. VCTC will make its decision on the additional funding on December 2.

Staff submitted a letter to VCTC before the deadline for additional funding for three previously approved projects. The projects must obligate the additional funding by June 30, 2012. The winning projects would have three years to spend the obligated money. Federal grants reimburse the City for eligible project expenses.

Requested Action. The three projects identified for additional funding are: 1) Oxnard Transportation

Center's (OTC) bilingual sign program at 201 E. Fourth Street, 2) railroad grade separation at Rice Avenue and E. Fifth Street (Highway 34), and 3) East Ventura Boulevard landscape enhancement, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, drainage improvement, pavement rehabilitation, and water line between Santa Clara Avenue and Almond Drive. Each project was previously approved for funding by VCTC and listed in the federal transportation improvement program (FTIP). Each project supports the City's transportation needs. The OTC bilingual sign program request is $200,000 for construction, and requires an 11.47 percent match. The matching funds of $25,912 are available in the project budget "OTC Bilingual Signage" Project No. 073109.

The railroad grade separation at Rice Avenue and E. Fifth Street (Highway 34) is the remaining component of the Port Intermodal Corridor identified in the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA). Rice Avenue is the future Highway 1. The railroad grade separation request is $1,770,600 for design and preliminary engineering, and requires an 11.47 percent match. The source of the required matching amount of $229,400 has not been identified.

The E. Ventura Blvd. improvements request is $1,015,100 for construction, which requires an 11.47 percent match. The additional funding would provide a city water line. Ventura Boulevard east of Santa Clara Avenue has no city water service. The adjacent area is served by two mutual water companies. Although the required matching amount of $131,517 has not been identified, an appropriate source would be the Water Fund.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The request for additional funds from VCTC totals $2,985,700. The projects identified for additional funding would require a match of 11.47 percent, which totals $386,829. The OTC bilingual sign program has adequate funding in the current budget and no additional funds are needed. If the projects are approved for additional funding, staff will return to City Council with a plan for funding the required match for the railroad grade separation and E. Ventura Blvd. improvements.

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Attachment #1 - City Council Resolution
#2 - VCTC request for projects
#3 - VCTC Guidelines for Quickly Programming CMAQ/STP/TE Funds to Previously Approved Projects

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD RATIFYING THE SUBMITTAL OF A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FOR QUICK PROGRAMMING TO THE VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2011, the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) issued a request for information on projects previously selected for funding that require additional funding.

WHEREAS, staff submitted requests to VCTC for three projects that require additional funding.

WHEREAS, the Development Services Department requests the City Council ratify the action submitting the requests for additional funding for $2,985,700 in congestion mitigation air quality improvement program, surface transportation program, and transportation enhancement program grant funds to be used for the Oxnard Transportation Center bilingual sign program (in the amount of $200,000), the Rice Avenue and East Fifth Street railroad grade separation (in the amount of $1,770,600), and East Ventura Boulevard landscape enhancement, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, drainage improvement, pavement rehabilitation, and water line between Santa Clara Avenue and Almond Drive (in the amount of $1,015,100).

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oxnard resolves to ratify and approve the submittal of a request for additional funding by the Development Services Director to VCTC for transportation improvement projects. The City Council further resolves that the City Manager or designee is authorized to execute grant agreements; the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to submit financial reports and grant claims and approve special budget appropriations for the use of grant funds; and the Development Services Director or designee is authorized to submit non-financial reports.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this day of , 2011, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Dr. Thomas E. Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel Martinez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

for

Alan Holmberg, City Attorney

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ATTACHMENT 1

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1. Project Name: Rice Avenue at Fifth Street Railroad Grade Separation

Original Project Funding:
Federal Program Name: Demo STP-L (Port Intermodal Corridor)
Federal Amount: $2,400,000 (2004 RTIP Amendments 1-17)
Local: $7,600,000

Revised Project Funding:
Preliminary Engineering: $0

Requested Additional Funds:
Preliminary Engineering: $1,770,600

Updated Project Schedule
Preliminary Engineering Start Date: May 2012
Preliminary Engineering End Date: May 2013
Right of Way Start Date: None
Right of Way End Date: None
Construction Start Date: None
Construction End Date: None

2. Project Name: Oxnard Transportation Center Bilingual Signs

Original Project Funding:
Federal: TE $13,330
Local: $36,533

Revised Project Funding: $290,000

Requested Additional Funds: TE
Construction: $200,000

Updated Project Schedule
Preliminary Engineering Start Date: March 2006
Preliminary Engineering End Date: December 2011
Construction Start Date: May 2012
Construction End Date: October 2012

3. Project Name: East Ventura Blvd. landscape enhancement, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, drainage improvement and pavement rehabilitation

Original Project Funding:
Federal Program Name: STP-R
Federal Amount: $2,692,000 (divided as follows)
Preliminary Engineering: $179,000
Construction: $2,513,000
Local: $408,000

Revised Project Funding:
Preliminary Engineering: $202,260
Construction: $3,985,200

Requested Additional Funds:
Preliminary Engineering: $0
Construction: $1,015,100

Updated Project Schedule
Preliminary Engineering Start Date: June 28, 2011
Preliminary Engineering End Date: December 2011
Right of Way Start Date: NA
Right of Way End Date: NA
Construction Start Date: June 2012
Construction End Date: December 2012

GUIDELINES FOR QUICKLY PROGRAMMING CMAQ/STP/TE FUNDS TO PREVIOUSLY-APPROVED PROJECTS

(Approved by VCTC October 7, 2011)

Funding Priorities

Supplemental funding will be considered for previously-approved STP, CMAQ, TE, and Proposition 1B projects other than road rehabilitation (which were not approved with a specific scope), for projects that will be ready to obligate the funds by June 30, 2012.

Any other funding proposals, including new projects, will be considered through a subsequent Mini-Call for Projects expected to be concluded by February, 2012, with funds to be programmed in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and available by June 30, 2012.

Eligibility Requirements

To receive funding, the project sponsor must provide VCTC with a letter stating the original project funding, including federal and local funds, the revised project funding, and the requested additional STP, CMAQ, or TE funds. The letter should also provide an update project schedule showing start and end dates for design, right-of-way, and construction.

Funding will only be programmed where the schedule shows the funds can be obligated/allocated by the June 30, 2012 deadline.

Schedule

VCTC Approval of Programming Process: October 7
Notification of Funding Availability: October 10
Funding Request Letters Due to VCTC: October 28
TRANSCOM Approval to Program Funds: November 10
TTAC Approval to Program Funds: November 17
VCTC Approval to Program Funds: December 2
Approval of Amendment to Federal Transportation Improvement Program: April, 2012