



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: APRIL 18, 2012

CONSENT

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR CALTRANS BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT (BTA) GRANT FUNDS AND ALLOCATION OF MATCHING FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.

FROM: David H. Ready, City Manager

BY: Michele C. Mician, Sustainability Manager

SUMMARY

The City Council will consider the application for a grant request to CALTRANS for a Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) grant to provide funding for bicycle lane improvements for proposed Class II (Class 2) bike lanes as indicated by the recently adopted Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (NMTP).

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Adopt Resolution # ____ approving the City of Palm Springs application to CALTRANS for Bicycle Transportation Account grant funds; "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A CALTRANS BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT (BTA) GRANT APPLICATION, NOTICE OF EXEMPTION, AND ALLOCATION OF 10% OF THE PROJECT COST AS MATCHING FUNDS."
2. Approve the use of matching funds available in the City Sustainability Fund account # 138-1270-58020 not to exceed \$50,000.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

Since May 2011 the Sustainability Commission has worked diligently to adopt and implement a City of Palm Springs Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (NMTP). In October 2011 the NMTP was adopted by City Council. Since the NMTP was adopted the Sustainability Commission has made implementation of the NMTP a major focus. This includes prioritization of bike lane improvements and addition of bike lanes. The Commission requested that City staff apply for grants as well as allocate dollars from the sustainability fund to implement the NMTP projects.

Funding is available through the CALTRANS Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) which is an annual program providing state funds for city and county projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters. In accordance with the Streets

and Highways Code (SHC) Section 890-894.2 - California Bicycle Transportation Act, projects must be designed and developed to achieve the functional commuting needs and physical safety of all bicyclists.


Local agencies first establish eligibility by preparing and adopting a Bicycle Transportation Plan (BTP) that complies with SHC Section 891.2. This requirement was met on October 8, 2011 when City Council adopted the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan as an amendment to the City of Palm Springs General Plan.


Finally, this grant application requires that a Bike Transportation Plan be approved by the local agency's Regional Transportation Planning Agency. The Coachella Valley Association of Government's serves as the approving agency in our region and has adopted the Non Motorized Transportation Plan to meet this requirement.

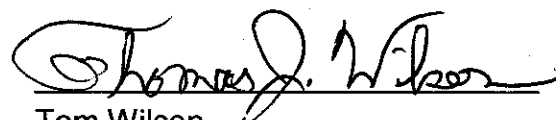
The new bike trail maps produced as a result of the adoption of the NMTP show existing as well as proposed bike lanes. Staff is applying for the BTA grant to fund several of the proposed Class II (Class 2) bike lanes and to increase connectivity. Staff recommends City Council approve this BTA grant application to fund the priority bike lane projects on Racquet Club Road from North Palm Canyon to Farrell and Avenida Caballeros from Ramon Road to San Rafael as indicated in the attached Engineer's estimate. The total cost estimate to construct these two bike lanes is \$450,780. 00.

FISCAL IMPACT: The BTA grant application requires the City of Palm Springs to provide a minimum of 10% in matching funds. The dollars required have been allocated for this purpose, were specifically recommended for this use by the Sustainability Commission, and are available in account #138-1270-58020 in the Sustainability Fund. The matching fund amount requested is not to exceed \$50,000.


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Office of Sustainability


David J. Barakian
Director of Public Works
City Engineer


David H. Ready, City Manager


Tom Wilson
Assistant City Manager

Attachments: (3) Resolution No. _____ approving the City of Palm Springs application to CALTRANS for Bicycle Transportation Account grant funding; Proposed bike lane cost estimates; Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A CALTRANS BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT (BTA) GRANT APPLICATION, NOTICE OF EXEMPTION, AND ALLOCATION OF 10% OF THE PROJECT COST AS MATCHING FUND.

WHEREAS, the City of Palm Springs General Plan provides for the development of a bikeway system in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council duly adopted a Non Motorized Transportation Plan on October 5, 2011 at a regular meeting of the City of Palm Springs City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palm Springs wishes to submit an application for the Caltrans BTA grant application for 2012/2013, including the notice of determination and required ten (10) percent matching fund requirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of City of Palm Springs authorizes the City Engineer and City Sustainability Manager to submit a Caltrans BTA grant application 2012/2013 for two Class II proposed bike lanes on Racquet Club and Avenida Caballeros, approves the Notice of Exemption, and allocates the required ten(10) percent matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 from the City of Palm Springs Sustainability Fund.

To that end, the City of Palm Springs adopts this resolution in support of application for the CALTRANS BTA Grant:

ADOPTED THIS 18TH DAY OF APRIL, 2012

David H. Ready, City Manager

ATTEST:

James Thompson, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss.
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS)

I, JAMES THOMPSON, City Clerk of the City of Palm Springs, hereby certify that Resolution No. _____ is a full, true and correct copy, and was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palm Springs on _____, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

James Thompson, City Clerk
City of Palm Springs, California

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE
BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT

Agency: City of Palm Springs
Date of Estimate: April 9, 2012
Prepared by: George F. Farago, P.E.

RACQUET CLUB ROAD (from N. Palm Canyon to Farrell)

No.	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total
1	Initial Mobilization	1	LS	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
2	Traffic Control	1	LS	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
3	Bike line (6" thermoplastic) 9,500 ft x 4	38,000	LF	\$2.00	\$76,000.00
4	Bike lane markings & legend	18	EA	\$300.00	\$5,400.00
5	Remove and instal traffic lane line 9,500 ft x 2	19,000	LF	\$1.50	\$28,500.00
6	Bike lane sign	18	EA	\$500.00	\$9,000.00
Total Construction =					\$129,400.00
Contingency					\$19,400.00
Design					\$22,300.00
Const. Eng.					\$22,300.00
TOTAL =					\$193,400.00

AVENIDA CABALLEROS (from Ramon to San Rafael)

No.	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total
1	Initial Mobilization	1	LS	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
2	Traffic Control	1	LS	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
3	Bike line (6" thermoplastic) 12,880 ft x 4	51,520	LF	\$2.00	\$103,040.00
4	Bike lane markings & legend	20	EA	\$300.00	\$6,000.00
5	Remove and instal traffic lane line 12,880 ft x 2	25,760	LF	\$1.50	\$38,640.00
6	Bike lane sign	20	EA	\$500.00	\$10,000.00
Total Construction =					\$172,180.00
Contingency					\$25,800.00
Design					\$29,700.00
Const. Eng.					\$29,700.00
TOTAL =					\$257,380.00

TOTAL = \$450,780.00

Notice of Determination

Form C

To: [] Office of Planning and Research
PO Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 212
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
[] County Clerk
County of Riverside
2720 Gateway
Riverside, CA 92507

From: (Public Agency) The City of Palm Springs
3200 Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA 92263
(Address)

Subject:

Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Case 5.1253 GPA to incorporate the Non-motorized Transportation Master Plan

Project Title

Table with 3 columns: State Clearinghouse Number, Lead Agency Contact Person, Area Code/Telephone/Extension. Row 1: n/a, The City of Palm Springs, 760-323 8245. Row 2: Citywide for the City of Palm Springs, Riverside County, CA

Project Location (include county)

Project Description:

A General Plan Amendment (GPA) incorporating the Coachella Valley Non-Motorized Transportation Mater Plan into the Palm Springs General Plan.

This is to advise that the City of Palm Springs has approved the above described project on OCT 5, 2011 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

- 1. The project [] will [] will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. [] An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. [] A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [] were [] were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A statement of Overriding Considerations [] was [] was not adopted for this project.
5. Findings [] were [] were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at: Palm Springs Planning Department; 3200 Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA 92263

Signature (Public Agency) Date Title
Principal Planner

Date received for filing at OPR:

January 2004