



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Date: December 19, 2012 CONSENT CALENDAR

Subject: GRANT APPLICATION FOR BICYCLE LANES (CLASS II), PRIORITY 1 UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION PROGRAM

From: David H. Ready, City Manager

Initiated by: Public Works and Engineering Department

SUMMARY

This item will initiate the required resolution for the submission of a grant application for funding of Class II Bicycle Lanes of Priority 1 throughout the City of Palm Springs under the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Update adopted by the Palm Springs General Plan adopted in September 2011.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. _____ "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION PROGRAM UNDER THE SECTION 164.56 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT: BICYCLE LANES (CLASS II), PRIORITY 1"

STAFF ANALYSIS:

The City of Palm Springs will be applying for grant funds from the Environmental Enhancement Mitigation Program under Section 164.56 of the Streets and Highways Code. The Legislature of the State of California has enacted AB 471 (Chapter 106 of the Statutes of 1989), which is intended to provide \$10 million annually for a period of 10 years for grant funds to local, state and federal agencies and nonprofit entities for projects to enhance and mitigate the environmental impacts of modified or new public

transportation facilities. This type of grant has a maximum amount of \$300,000 if awarded and does not require a match. Currently, the City has adopted to fund Bicycle Lanes of Class II which are of Priority 1 according to the CVAG Non-Motorized plan. Class II bike lanes cost approximately \$120,000/mile. On September 19, 2012, City Council authorized Priority 1 Class II bike lanes for Avenida Caballeros from Techevah Dr. to San Rafael Dr. (1.5 miles), Baristo Rd from Avenida Caballeros to El Cielo Rd. (1.5 miles), and Via Escuela from Indian Canyon Dr. to Sunrise Way (1 mile). Current budget from Sustainability account will only allow us to do one (1) or two (2) streets selected by the City Council, but with the addition of the grant funds, it will allow us to do, potentially, all three (3) locations.

The grant application deadline is January 4, 2013. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) expects to grant the award in September 2013. An agreement between Caltrans and the City will need to be established and approved by City Council, and Construction of the project would commence within two months shortly after advertise and bidding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of this action is the first step to applying for the grant. If the grant is awarded, this will have a positive impact to the City's funding of projects. The following amounts from the Sustainability accounts are available for Class II bike lanes construction; 138-1270-50000 (\$50,000) and 138-1270-58033 (\$50,000). Total available funding for bike lanes is \$100,000 from the Sustainability accounts. An additional \$300,000 from the grant would make it \$400,000. Although estimates are higher than funding availability, the economic trend of low bids may make up the difference.

SUBMITTED:

Recommended by:

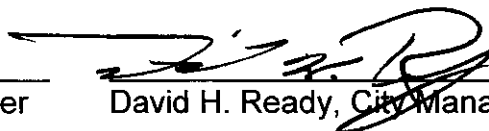


David J. Barakian
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

Approved by:



Thomas J. Wilson, Asst. City Manager



David H. Ready, City Manager

ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California has enacted AB 471 (Chapter 106 of the Statutes of 1989), which is intended to provide \$10 million annually for a period of 10 years for grant funds to local, state and federal agencies and nonprofit entities for projects to enhance and mitigate the environmental impacts of modified or new public transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Agency has established the procedures and criteria for reviewing grant proposals and is required to submit to the California Transportation Commission a list of recommended projects from which the grant recipients will be selected; and

WHEREAS, said procedures and criteria established by the Natural Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of application by the Applicant's governing body before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the application contains assurances that the Applicant must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the environmental enhancement and mitigation project.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program for grant assistance in the amount of \$300,000.
2. Certifies that said Applicant will make adequate provisions for operation and maintenance of the project.
3. Appoints DAVID H. READY, CITY MANAGER, or designee, as agent of the CITY OF PALM SPRINGS to conduct all negotiations, execute and

submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER 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 December 19, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

James Thompson, City Clerk
City of Palm Springs, California