

Council Meeting of
February 10, 2009

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Authorize staff to submit an application to CA Transportation Commission for Prop1B grant funds from the State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP). Expenditure: Not to exceed \$346,514

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Public Works Director and the Community Development Director that City Council authorize staff to submit an application to the CA Transportation Commission for Prop 1B grant funds to leverage collected developer impact fees (DIF) for design and construction of Capital improvement projects.

Funding

Funding is available from collected Development Impact Fees for Transportation Facilities and Storm Drain Facilities.

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS

The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, approved by the voters as Proposition 1B on November 7, 2006, authorized \$1 billion for the State Local Partnership Program ("SLPP"). The SLPP includes \$50 million (with a \$1 million per project matching funds cap) of Prop 1B grant funds available on a competitive grant basis to fund local transportation projects that have a dollar-for-dollar match of locally imposed "Uniform Developer Fees." Uniform Developer Fees are defined as those imposed by a local resolution adopted by a city that are dedicated to address cumulative transportation impacts.

In August 2005, the City Council adopted individual Resolutions establishing plans for Transportation Facilities and Storm Drain Facilities. Also, each Resolution established an associated impact fee as authorized by the Torrance Municipal Code. As of February 5, 2009 the Transportation Impact Fee account has a balance of \$225,184 and the Storm Drain Impact Fee account has a balance of \$121,330. These respective account balances can be used to fund the city's 50% required match for qualifying projects for the SLPP program.

Representatives from the City Manager's office, Finance, Public Works, Community Development and Transit Departments met on February 5 to select City projects that would qualify for the SLPP program. They are: 1) Crenshaw Blvd

Rehabilitation (182nd St to 190th), T-22 and 2) Storm Drain Improvements on Wilton PI and Taylor Ct, near the Dominguez Channel.

It should be noted that although the Storm Drain Improvements on Wilton PI and Taylor Ct, near the Dominguez Channel is not a currently approved Capital project, that these needed improvements were identified as part of the establishment of the Storm Drain Facilities Plan. Accordingly, if our application for Prop 1B grant funds is approved for this project, a subsequent request will be submitted to Council to approve the project and appropriate matching funds as part of the Capital Budget.

If the City Council authorizes staff to submit the application, the City could become eligible to receive a maximum of Prop 1B grant funds in the amount of \$346,514. Of that amount, a maximum of \$225,184 would be used for Transportation and a maximum of \$121,330 would be used for Storm Drains.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. BESTE
Public Works Director

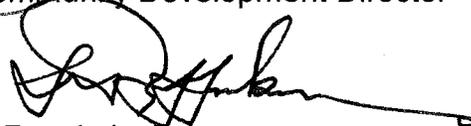


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CONCUR:


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Public Works Director


Jeffrey W. Gibson
Community Development Director


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City Manager