

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Community Development – Authorize the City Manager to submit the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) 2009 Call for Projects Grant Applications.

Expenditure: None

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that the City Council authorize the City Manager to submit on behalf of the Community Development Department the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) 2009 Call for Projects Grant Applications.

Funding

No funding is requested at this time.

BACKGROUND/ ANALYSIS

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) issues a bi-annual Call for Projects for public agencies that provide transportation facilities or services with Los Angeles County. Metro allocates state and federal funds for eligible projects within various modal categories, including bikeway, pedestrian and transportation enhancements. The Call for Projects program is a competitive process that distributes discretionary capital transportation funds to regionally significant projects.

Local jurisdictions, transit operators, and other public agencies are eligible to submit applications proposing projects for funding. Metro will review, rank and approve eligible projects which will then become part of the five-year program of projects scheduled for implementation in Los Angeles County.

Metro will evaluate each project based on the following criteria:

- Regional Significance and Intermodal Integration
- Project Need and Benefit to Transportation System
- Local Match Requirement (minimum 20%)
- Cost Effectiveness
- Land Use, Environment Compatibility and Sustainability

The deadline for submittal of applications is Friday, April 24, 2009.

Given the criteria provided above, the Community Development Department proposes to submit the following projects:

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>FEDERAL/STATE SHARE</u>	<u>LOCAL SHARE</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>
Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) and Traffic Improvement	\$856,000	\$384,000	\$1,240,000
Madrona Pedestrian Improvement	\$368,000	\$92,000	\$460,000
Hawthorne Blvd Median Landscaping	\$440,000	\$110,000	\$550,000
Lomita Boulevard Median Landscaping	\$360,000	\$90,000	\$450,000
Western Avenue Median Landscaping	\$720,000	\$180,000	\$900,000
TOTAL	<u>\$2,744,000</u>	<u>\$856,000</u>	<u>\$3,600,000</u>

Brief description of projects:

Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) and Traffic Improvement

Project Area: Various locations

Proposed Project: Implementation of various ITS components at locations not covered by previous 1995 Metro Call for Projects (ITS - South Bay Signal Synchronization) to provide effective citywide and multi-jurisdictional traffic management. The 2009 Call for Projects will identify locations and ITS components needed to complete the City's operational improvements.

Madrona Pedestrian Improvement

Project Area: Madrona Avenue between Sepulveda Boulevard and 229th Street

Proposed Project: Proposal for a new pedestrian pathway complete with landscaping, hardscape, pedestrian amenities and lighting to improve the aesthetics and quality of life for the surrounding neighborhood.

Hawthorne Boulevard Median Landscaping

Project Area: Hawthorne Boulevard between Pacific Coast Highway and southern City boundary

Proposed Project: The project is the fifth and final phase of median landscaping for Hawthorne Boulevard. The proposed project includes new landscaping, irrigation, hardscape (pavers and/or colored concrete) and directional and advance street signage.

Lomita Boulevard Median Landscaping

Project Area: Lomita Boulevard between Hawthorne Boulevard and Anza Avenue

Proposed Project: Landscaping the existing median with new landscaping, irrigation, hardscape (pavers and/or colored concrete) and directional and advance street signage.

Western Avenue Median Landscaping

Project Area: Western Avenue between Del Amo Boulevard and Carson Street

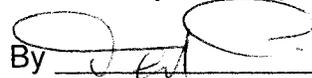
Proposed Project: Landscaping the existing median with new landscaping, irrigation, hardscape (pavers and/or colored concrete) and directional and advance street signage.

Note that the three (3) proposed landscape projects (Hawthorne, Lomita and Western) are also included in current draft of the City's 5-year Capital Improvement Program. If we are successful in obtaining grant(s), this will offset/reduce the City's financial commitment to implement these projects.

In late September 2009, Metro is tentatively scheduled to adopt the Call for Projects. At that time, the City will know if we were successful or not with our grant applications. If we are fortunate to obtain grant(s), staff will return to your Honorable Body for acceptance of the grant as well as approval of necessary funding appropriations (i.e. local match funds).

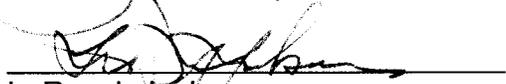
Respectfully submitted,

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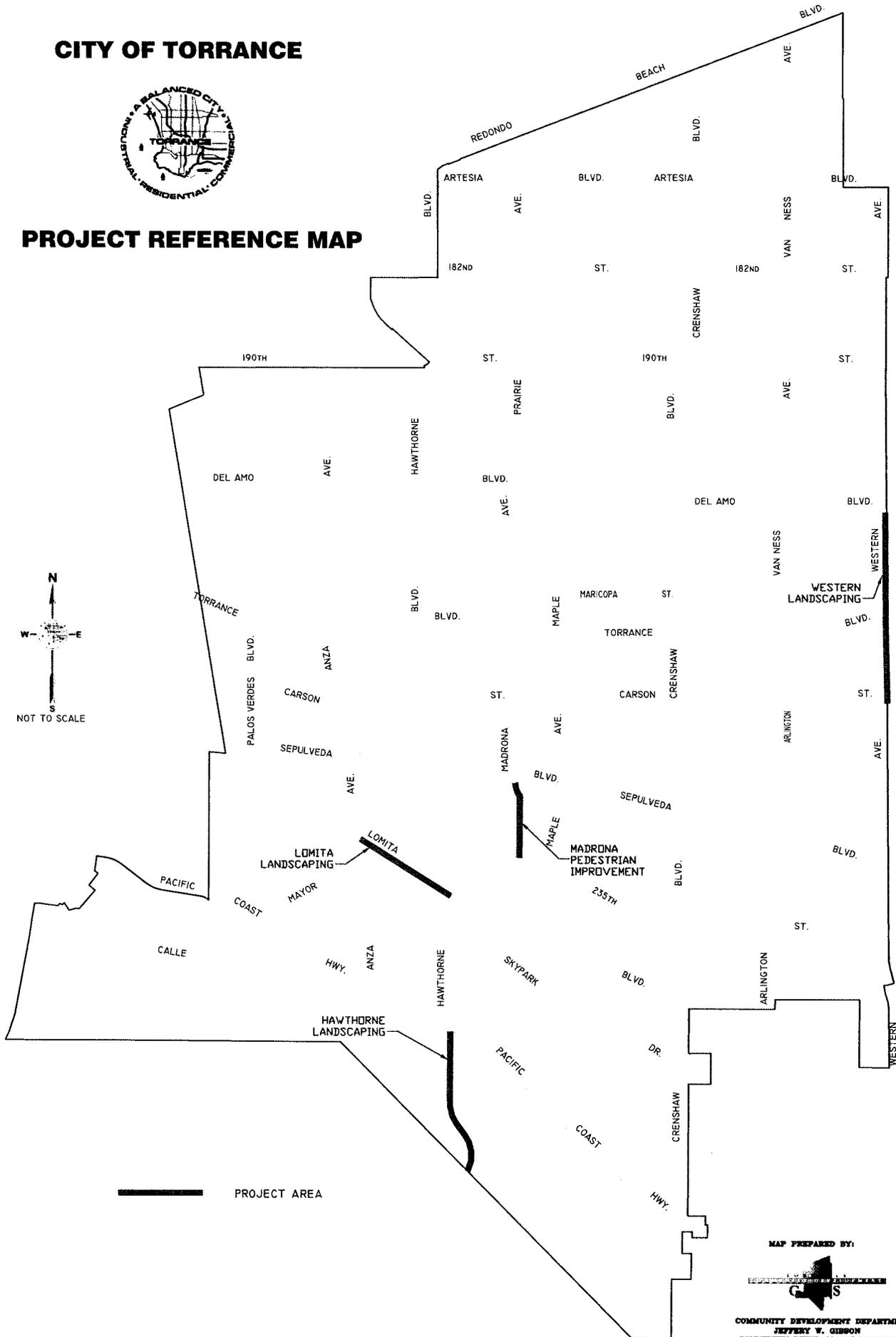

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Attachment A: Location Map

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PROJECT REFERENCE MAP



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