

Council Meeting of
April 18, 2006

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Appropriation of Funds to the Torrance Safe Route to School Program, S-33

Expenditure: \$253,000

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Director recommends that the City Council:

1. Appropriate State of California grant funds in the amount of \$227,700 to the Torrance Safe Route to School Program, S-33; and
2. Appropriate Gas Tax funds in the amount of \$25,300 to the Torrance Safe Route to School Program, S-33.

Funding

Funding is available from the recommended appropriations of State of California grant funds and city Gas Tax funds.

BACKGROUND

On October 25, 2005 Your Honorable Body approved a Program Supplement (Attachment A) with the State of California that provides the City grant funding in the amount of \$227,700 to make improvements that will enhance safety and driver awareness in school zones. The grant funds are available to the City on a reimbursement basis.

The Program Supplement also requires City matching funds in the amount of \$25,300. However, when the Program Supplement was approved in October 2005, it was stated in the item that the source of City matching funds had not yet been identified. It also was stated that another item would be submitted to Council when the source of matching funds was identified and that all project funds would be appropriated at that time.

ANALYSIS

Staff, in conjunction with the Finance Department, has identified un-appropriated Gas Tax funds to be used as the City match. The total cost of all improvements will be \$253,000, comprised of the City funds (\$25,300) and the grant funds (\$227,700). It is now recommended that all funds be appropriated to the Torrance Safe Route to School Program, S-33 so that staff may begin the design phase.

Proposed improvements include active school zone radar signs or flashing beacons, new school area signs, pavement messages and striping. The radar sign is solar powered with a built-in radar unit to detect and display vehicle speed. The flashing beacon is also solar powered and can flash either when a vehicle is traveling above the school zone speed limit (25 MPH) or continuously during school hours. The radar signs, flashing beacons, signing and striping upgrades are part of the City's effort to enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety within school areas.

Staff has identified 16 locations (Attachment B) for the placement of active school zone radar or flashing beacon signs, along with other upgrades to existing striping and school area signage. It is anticipated that there will be sufficient funding to install improvements at all locations, however, Your Honorable Body has directed staff to give priority to the first 4 locations (Madrona School, Edison School, Yukon School and West High).

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. BESTE
Public Works Director



By: Craig Bilezerian
Project Manager

CONCUR:



Robert J. Beste
Public Works Director



LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

for

Attachments: A. Program Supplement Agreement No. B14
B. List of Proposed Locations

PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT NO. B14
 to
 ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENT
 FOR STATE FUNDED PROJECTS NO. 000249

Date: September 02, 2005
 Location: 07-LA-0-TOR
 Project Number: SR2SL-5249(016)
 E.A. Number: 07-932682
 Locode: 5249

This PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT, effective 8/1/05, hereby incorporates into the Administering Agency - State Agreement No. 000249 for State Funded Projects which was entered into between the ADMINISTERING AGENCY and the STATE with an effective date of 10/26/99 and is subject to all the terms and conditions thereof. This PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT is executed in accordance with Article I of the aforementioned Master Agreement under authority of Resolution No. 2005-11 approved by the ADMINISTERING AGENCY on 10/25/05 (See copy attached).

The ADMINISTERING AGENCY further stipulates that as a condition to the payment by the State of any funds derived from sources noted below encumbered to this project, it accepts and will comply with the Special Covenants and Remarks set forth on the following pages.

PROJECT LOCATION:

Various locations on local streets in the vicinity of all public and private schools.

TYPE OF WORK: Install radar speed feedback signs, flashing beacons, warning signs and pav

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Estimated Cost	State Funds		Matching Funds		
	STATE		LOCAL		OTHER
\$253,000.00	\$227,700.00		\$25,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

CITY OF TORRANCE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
 Department of Transportation

By [Signature]

By [Signature]

DAN WALKER

Chief, Office of Project Implementation
 Division of Local Assistance

Date 10-27-2005

Date 11/16/05

Title City Mayor

I hereby certify upon my personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for this encumbrance:

Accounting Officer [Signature] Date 9-02-05 \$227,700.00

Chapter	Statutes	Item	Year	Program	BC	Category	Fund Source	AMOUNT
208	2004	2660-102-042	2004-2005	20.30.010.535	C	262040	042-T	227,700.00

ATTEST

Approved as to form:

By [Signature]

John L. Fellows III
 City Attorney

Sue Herbers, CMC

Title City Clerk

Date 10-27-2005

By: [Signature]

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SPECIAL COVENANTS OR REMARKS

1. All obligations of STATE under the terms of this Agreement are subject to the appropriation of resources by the Legislature and the encumbrance of funds under this Agreement. Funding and reimbursement are available only upon the passage of the State Budget Act containing these STATE funds.
2.
 1. This Program Supplement Agreement (PSA) is intended for Safe Route to School (SR2S) Program funded with State-only funding. Separate agreements are needed if PROJECT is also funded with any other STATE administered State or Federal funds.
 2. The PROJECT will be administered in accordance with the SR2S Program Guidelines (LPP 02-01 effective March 11, 2002), as approved and amended, and the PROJECT Application.
 3. This PSA allows reimbursement of eligible PROJECT expenditures to the ADMINISTERING AGENCY for which State funds are allocated. The effective State allocation date establishes eligibility for the ADMINISTERING AGENCY to start reimbursable work and seek reimbursement of funds. Any work done prior to the effective allocation date is not eligible for reimbursement from the SR2S funds.
 4. The STATE and ADMINISTERING AGENCY agree that SR2S funds available for reimbursement to the ADMINISTERING AGENCY by the STATE will be limited to the amount allocated and encumbered by the STATE. Any additional funds made available by future allocations will be encumbered on this PROJECT by use of a STATE approved Allocation Letter and Finance Letter.
 5. The ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees to submit to the STATE, Exhibit 24-B "Project Status Report" as required by the SR2S Program Guidelines.
 6. The ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees to encumber the funds under agreement and award the construction contract by June 30th of the fiscal year in which funds are programmed. For projects unable to meet this deadline, the ADMINISTERING AGENCY may request, in writing, a time extension from the District Local Assistance Engineer (DLAE). A one-time extension, for a maximum period of one year, may be granted by the DLAE. Projects unable to meet

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the new deadline may be dropped from the program.

7. The ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees to provide contract award information to the STATE when submitting first invoice for this PROJECT. Attachment I of this PSA may be used for providing the necessary contract award information.
8. The ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees to submit the "Report of Expenditures" to the DLAE within six (6) months after the project completion in accordance with Section 17.5 of the Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM).
9. The ADMINISTERING AGENCY agrees to follow all relevant State laws and requirements including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. Any State and Federal funds that may have been encumbered for this project are only available for disbursement for a period of five (5) years and seven (7) years, respectively, from the start of the fiscal year(s) that those funds were appropriated within the State Budget Act. All project funds not liquidated within these periods will revert unless an executed Cooperative Work Agreement extending these dates is requested and is approved by the California Department of Finance per Government Code Section 16304. The exact date of each fund reversion will be reflected in the approved finance letter(s) issued for this project.

Notwithstanding the unliquidated sums of project specific State and Federal funding remaining and available to fund project work, any invoice for reimbursement that is not submitted to the Department on or before 60 days after that applicable fixed fund reversion date will not be paid from that fiscal year's encumbered funds because all of these unexpended funds will be irrevocably reverted by the Department's Division of Accounting on that date.

Pursuant to a directive from the State Controller's Office and the Department of Finance, the last date to submit invoices for reimbursed work in each fiscal year is May 15th in order for payment to be made out of those then current appropriations.

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Project work performed and invoiced after May 15th will be reimbursed only out of available funding that might be encumbered in the subsequent fiscal year, and then only when those funds are actually allocated and encumbered as authorized by the California Transportation Commission and the Department's Accounting Office.

4. The ADMINISTERING AGENCY will reimburse the STATE for the ADMINISTERING AGENCY share of costs for work requested to be performed by the STATE.

City of Torrance

Safe Route to School Project, S-33

Proposed Radar or Flashing Beacon Sign Locations

No.	School	Street	Location**	Posted * Speed Limit
1	Madrona Middle	Madrona	btwn. Sonoma to Opal (1 only)	35
2	Edison Elementary	182nd ST.	btwn. Doty and Yukon	35
3	Yukon Elementary	Yukon Ave.	btwn. 177th St. and 405 fwy.	25
4	West High	Del Amo	btwn. Donora to Wayne	40
5	Adam Elementary	Arlington Ave.	btwn. 237th and 238th St.	35
6	Anza Elementary	Palos Verdes Blvd.	btwn. Lee and Lillian	30
7	Arlington Elementary	Van Ness	btwn. 180th Pl. and 178th St.	40
8	Fern Elementary	Torrance Blvd.	btwn. Date Ave. and Greenwood	35
9	Hull Middle School	Arlington Ave.	btwn. 231st St. and 233rd St.	35
10	Lincoln Elementary	Van Ness	btwn. 166th and 169th St.	35
11	Victor El./West High	Del Amo	btwn. Dorona and Henrietto	40
12	Magruder Elementary	Prairie	btwn. 186th and 182nd St.	35
13	Richardson Newton Elementary	Newton	btwn. Mayo and Nancy Lee Lane	25
14	Arnold Elementary	Ocean	btwn. 226th St. and 230th St.	25
15	Torrance High	Carson	btwn. Manuel and Cota	35
16	North High	182nd ST.	btwn. Glenburn and Ermanita	35

Note: Grant application lists 11 locations for the placement of active school zone radar signs.
 Cost estimate is \$15,000 each for radar signs with flashing beacon.
 Another \$40,000 for traffic signs, \$20,000 for misc. signage and striping and \$2,700 for bike racks.

*: For location with posted speed limit greater than 25MPH, use radar sign with words "Speed Limit"
 Otherwise use "Your Speed" and supplement with a speed limit sign.

** : original location proposed for sign installation on the sign of the school only. If cost permits then signs to be installed on both sides of the street.