

Council Meeting of
January 19, 2010

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: City Manager – Approve 2010 Federal Legislative Priority Projects

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve the 2010 Federal Legislative Priority Projects.

BACKGROUND

On December 15, 2009, Council approved a consulting services agreement with David Turch and Associates for government consulting to include advocacy services and funding acquisition. The selection of David Turch and Associates was based on the firm's expertise and a solid track record in the ability to successfully identify grant opportunities, guide the application process and secure funding.

The objectives of the City were identified to be:

- A voice in Washington, D.C.
- Early intelligence on emerging legislation impacting local government
- Be on the front side for funding during legislative framing
- Successful targeted grant applications and allocation

ANALYSIS

On January 6, 2010, the Executive Staff met to review and discuss federal priority projects of each department. The goal of this meeting was to highlight potential projects for funding and prepare for meeting with Jamie Jones, federal lobbyist with Turch and Associates. Information on each project included: Project title, requested amount, overview, detailed description, benefits, timeline and to identify potential grant funding. A total of 22 projects were identified across the categories of Economic Development/Redevelopment, Energy, Environment, Safety, Technology, Transportation and Water. Many of these projects are aligned with the City's Strategic Plan developed by our residents and businesses.

On January 11, 2010, the Executive Staff met with Jamie Jones to discuss the priority projects and funding needed for each project. Our Federal lobbyist stated that he would provide information on funding feasibility, match requirements, and potential funding sources for each project. There is no funding available for new construction, or for fleet maintenance projects not tied to Transit. In addition, he suggested a total recommendation of 5 to 6 projects for funding with each from a different funding source. After analyzing each project staff would like to recommend the projects outlined in Attachment A. The timeframe is very tight to select and prepare federal appropriations forms. The forms are due early February.

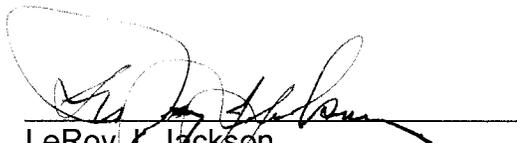
A trip to Washington, D.C. is being planned to meet with Congress and Senate members in early March. The primary purpose of this trip is to discuss the benefits of these projects and gain support for funding.

Respectfully submitted,

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CONCUR:


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- Attachments: A) Description of Recommended Priority Projects
B) Priority Projects for which alternate funding will be explored
C) Summary of Priority Projects

**City of Torrance
Recommended Priority Projects Description**

Transportation

Department Name: Transit

Project Name: Regional Transit Center (RTC)

Project Total: \$13.5 million

Project Request: \$2 million

Project Description: A 5 acre Regional Transit Center to enhance the quality of service for the transit rider in the South Bay. The project would create a multi-modal transit center in the city of Torrance. The center will be ideally located adjacent to the South Bay Green Line rail extension and the 405 Freeway.

Bill: Transportation-HUD Appropriations Act for FY11

Account: FTA/Bus and Bus Facilities

Local Match Requirement: 20%

Average Funding: about \$500,000 but can go up to \$750,000 to \$1 million

Safety

Department Name: Police

Project Name: Crime Lab

Project Total: \$1.5 million

Project Request: \$1 million

Project Description: Redesign the existing crime lab into a State of the Art Certified Forensic Lab capable of conducting DNA screening on a regional basis. The lab will include cold evidence storage and Forensic Lab equipment, to include but not limited to, ventilation chambers, freezers, specialized computers, monitors, tools, and/or furniture.

Bill: Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations Act for FY11

Account: Justice/COPS Technology (Zero Match Requirement)

Account: Justice/Byrne Discretionary Account (25% Local Match Requirement)

Average funding is between \$150,000 to \$500,000 but can go as high as \$1 million.

Department Name: Police and CIT

Project Name: Torrance Emergency Operations Center Computer Operations

Project Total: \$172,000, \$88,000 annual operating

Project Request: \$172,000

Project Description: Purchase and installation of application/file servers, data cables, storage/backup devices, air conditioning, generator, and other materials necessary for the City's Alternate Emergency Operations Center (AEOC).

Bill: Homeland Security Appropriations Act for FY11

Account: FEMA/State and Local Programs

Or

Bill: Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations Act for FY11

Account: Justice/COPS Technology

No local match requirement but you should be ready to say you have a 25% local match

Department Name: Police

Project Name: Juvenile and Victim Assistance Programs

Project Total: \$150,000 Juvenile Diversion \$100,000 Victim Assistance

Project Request: \$150,000 Juvenile Diversion \$100,000 Victim Assistance

Project Description: The Programs provide assistance to victims of crime in the City of Torrance and to Torrance's youth by offering crisis support, group and family counseling services, resource and referrals, prevention information and court support.

Bill: Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations Act for FY11

Account: Justice/Juvenile Justice

Local Match Requirement: 25%

Average Funding: \$150,000

Economic Development/Redevelopment (Includes Park Development)

Department Name: Community Services

Project Name: Bishop Sump

Project Total: \$4.5 million

Project Request: \$1 million

Project Description: This project converts an existing stormwater basin into an active recreation area. Bishop Montgomery Basin (11.1 acres) sits adjacent to Bishop Montgomery High School and is accessed from a driveway off Torrance Blvd. The project elements include:

- Multi-use sports field—soccer, football, other field sports
- Turf area improvements and Irrigation
- Landscaping—walkways, native plant areas
- Restrooms located on the slope near Bishop
- Parking area with approximately 110 parking spaces
- Directed sports field lighting and security lighting
- Stormwater retention improvements
- Access ramp ways (entrance and exit) and Equipment storage

Bill: Transportation-HUD Appropriations Act for FY11

Account: HUD/Economic Development Initiative (EDI)

Average Funding: \$250,000

Local Match Requirement: Zero but this could change this year. You should be prepared to say you have a 20% to 30% local match.

**City of Torrance
Priority Projects for which alternate funding will be explored**

For the projects listed below: Federal lobbyist firm David Turch & Associates will be seeking other funding opportunities.

Projects

Economic Development/Redevelopment (includes Park Development)

- Senior Housing (Community Development)
- Downtown Revitalization-Renovate Bartlett Center (Community Development/Community Services)
- Torrance Business Incubator (Economic Development)
- Bishop Sump – Additional funds over appropriations request (Community Services)
- McMaster Park \$14.5 million (Community Services)
- Wilson Park Skate Park \$1 million (Community Services)

Safety

- Fire Stations (Fire)
- Regional Public Safety Training Facility (Fire)

Water

- Storm Water Basin Enhancement Program (Public Works)
- North Torrance Well Field (Public Works)

**City of Torrance: Original Priority Projects Summary
(Categorized alphabetically)**

*Projects in **BOLD** are recommended projects

* Projects in *ITALICS* are priority projects for which alternate funding will be explored

Economic Development/Redevelopment (Includes Park Development)

1. **Bishop Sump \$4.5 million (Community Services)**: Multi-use project for parking and recreational sports; water reclamation

Bill: Transportation-HUD Appropriations Act for FY11

Account: HUD/Economic Development Initiative (EDI)

2. *Revitalization of Downtown Torrance (Redevelopment)*: Property across from court house; transit oriented service facility; parking structure

Bill: Transportation-HUD Appropriations Act for FY11

Account: FHWA/Transportation and Community and System Preservation Program (TCSP)

3. *Senior Housing and Services (Redevelopment)*: Transit related non-contiguous workforce housing; renovate Bartlett Center

Bill: Transportation-HUD Appropriations Act for FY11

Account: HUD/Economic Development Initiative (EDI)

4. *Torrance Business Incubator (Economic Development)*: Provide support and foster growth of small, start-up businesses; identify theme and location

Bill: Transportation-HUD Appropriations Act for FY11

Account: HUD/Economic Development Initiative (EDI)

5. **Lago Seco Park Development \$400,000 (Community Services)**: Develop restroom, 25-space parking, and retaining fence along south edge

Bill: Transportation-HUD Appropriations Act for FY11

Account: HUD/Economic Development Initiative (EDI)

6. **McMaster Park \$14.5 million (Community Services)**: Redevelopment of existing site; construct new, expanded library, community meeting room, multi-purpose park buildings

Bill: Transportation-HUD Appropriations Act for FY11

Account: HUD/Economic Development Initiative (EDI)

7. **Wilson Park Skate Park \$1 million (Community Services)**: 20,000 sq. ft. cement skate park for Torrance youth

Bill: Transportation-HUD Appropriations Act for FY11

Account: HUD/Economic Development Initiative (EDI)

Energy

1. **Energy Efficient Lighting \$1.1 million (General Services)**: Retrofitting and upgrading with energy efficient lighting at City sport fields and ball parks; energy savings

Bill: Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for FY11

Account: DOE/Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

2. **City Fleet \$1 million (General Services)**: Upgrade Fleet Services Garage facilities to accommodate indoor repairs and maintenance of natural gas fueled vehicles

Bill: N/A

Account: N/A

Safety

1. **Crime Lab \$1.5 million (Police):** Forensic Lab to conduct DNA screening by certified crime scene experts; purchase equipment that will collect, store, and process evidence

Bill: Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations Act for FY11

Account: Justice/COPS Technology (Zero Match Requirement)

Account: Justice/Byrne Discretionary Account (25% Local Match Requirement)

2. **Torrance Emergency Operations Center Computer Operations \$172,000; \$88,000 annual operating (CIT & Police):** Build out of alternate emergency operation center at the Zamperini Airport; funding needed for equipment of 15 application file servers, storage devices, network backup device, air conditioning, and ATS generator; explore new Transit Center site as possible location

Bill: N/A

Account: N/A

3. **Regional Public Safety Training Facility (Fire):** Build facility to be used by public and private Safety providers for training and preparation at an "all-risk" environment; possible joint venture with El Camino College.

Bill: N/A

Account: N/A

4. **Fire Stations (Fire):** Build additional operational facilities to provide emergency response coverage for Southeast portion of City; Fire Administration/Operations Facility Headquarters to include EOC facilities

Bill: N/A

Account: N/A

5. **Juvenile Diversion \$150,000 and Victim Assistance Programs \$100,000 (Police):** Expand counseling programs; joint with TUSD, school resource officers, community

Bill: Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations Act for FY11

Account: Justice/Juvenile Justice

6. **Bear Cat \$345,000 (Police):** SWAT / Tactical armored unit used regionally; mutual aid

Bill: Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations Act for FY11

Account: Justice/Byrne Discretionary Account

Technology

1. **Los Angeles Regional Interagency Communication System \$5 million (CIT, Police):** Advocate for availability of adequate broadcast spectrum; funding for equipment and operations; jurisdictionally organized under LARICS Joint Powers Authority

Bill: Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations Act for FY11

Account: Justice/COPS Technology

Transportation

1. **Transit Regional Transit Center \$2 million (Transit):** Create multi-modal transit center to enhance service quality for South Bay transit riders

Bill: Transportation-HUD Appropriations Act for FY11

Account: FTA/Bus and Bus Facilities

2. *Hawthorne Rehabilitation \$37 million (Public Works):* Relinquishment of Hawthorne Blvd. between Pacific Coast Highway and Redondo Beach Blvd from CalTrans; pavement rehabilitation; curb, gutter and sidewalk repairs; and drainage repairs; modify 21 traffic signals to convert to City system

Bill: Transportation-HUD Appropriations Act for FY11

Account: FHWA/Transportation and Community and System Preservation Program (TCSP)

Account: FHWA/Surface Transportation Projects (STP)

3. *Fleet Modernization \$7 million (Transit):* Replace 52 Diesel Powered buses with 52 Gasoline-Electric Hybrid buses

Bill: Transportation-HUD Appropriations Act for FY11

Account: FHWA/Transportation and Community and System Preservation Program (TCSP)

Account: FHWA/Surface Transportation Projects (STP)

4. *Torrance Rapid Bus \$5.2 million capital; \$900,000 annual operating (Transit):* Service expansion with limited-stop service on current Torrance Transit System line #3; to operate during weekly peak hours and serve approximately 2,200 passengers daily

Bill: Transportation-HUD Appropriations Act for FY11

Account: FTA/Bus and Bus Facilities

Water

1. *Storm water Basin Enhancement Program \$4.7 million (Public Works):* Amie, Henrietta and Entradero Basins; improved wetlands treatment, infiltration and trash screens at basins; ability to comply with Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) that limits amount of bacteria discharged into Santa Monica Bay from Torrance.

Bill: Interior-Environment Appropriations Act for FY11

Account: EPA/State and Tribal Assistance Grant Program (STAG)

2. *North Torrance Well Field \$23 million (Public Works):* Reclaim water project that will diversify drinking water supplies; lower the regions demand on imported water and lower the City's long term water costs

Bill: Interior and Environment Appropriations Act for FY11

Account: EPA/State and Tribal Assistance Grant Program (STAG)

Average Funding: \$300,000 to \$500,000

Local Match Requirement: 45%