



Staff Report

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO INCORPORATE THE SAN MATEO COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE BICYCLE ROUTE PLAN AND TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 891.2 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAY CODE

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

Staff applied for funding from the Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) for the U.S. Highway 101 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge project. To remain eligible for this funding, the City must renew the adoption of a Bicycle Transportation Plan. This requirement can be met by adopting the San Mateo County plan and findings contained in Street and Highway Code Section 891.2.

Background

Construction of a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over U.S. Highway 101 is one of the City's priority projects. The project design is now complete and the City will be ready to invite bids for construction as soon as it obtains sufficient funding commitments. Public Works projects of this size are typically funded from several sources, drawing primarily from federal and state grants.

The current estimate for the bicycle/pedestrian bridge is \$5.5 million for construction and construction management services. The City has already secured one State BTA grant of \$585,000. The City also secured \$2.96 million from the Federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) through the effort of Congresswoman Anna Eshoo on behalf of the City. Staff is also watching for other funding opportunities and will recommend applying for them when they become available. The City will not budget its money until the project is sufficiently funded for construction.

At the September 27, 2005 City Council meeting, Council approved the filing of a BTA grant application for the Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge project. This grant requires the applying agencies have an adopted Bicycle Transportation Plan. The City last adopted a Bicycle Transportation Plan on June 26, 2001. A new plan or certification of the current plan must be readopted every 5 years.

Discussion

Public Works submitted the BTA application to Caltrans by the December 1, 2005 deadline. Caltrans is currently reviewing all BTA applications. To remain eligible for BTA funding, the City must have an adopted Bicycle Transportation Plan and to comply with Streets and Highways Code 891.2.

The San Mateo County Comprehensive Bicycle Route Plan includes the City of Belmont's short-to-mid term goals and which identifies existing and future bicycle infrastructure needs, such as the bicycle/pedestrian bridge over U.S. Highway 101. By adopting the San Mateo County Comprehensive Bicycle Route Plan and complying with Streets and Highways Code Section 891.2, the City of Belmont is eligible to receive funding from the BTA program.

Fiscal Impact

There is no direct fiscal impact from Council's adoption a Bicycle Transportation Plan. However, denying the adoption of a plan will jeopardize the City's ability to receive funding from the BTA grant. Once the City has obtained sufficient grant funding, it plans to commit City funds as a local match for construction of the project.

Public Contact

The City Council meeting agenda was posted.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution adopting a Bicycle Transportation Plan to incorporate the San Mateo County Comprehensive Bicycle Route Plan and to comply with Section 891.2 of the Streets and Highway Code.

Alternatives

1. Take no action.
2. Refer back to staff for further information.

Attachments

- A. Resolution

Respectfully submitted,

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT
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OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAY CODE**

WHEREAS, the Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Project over U.S. Highway 101 is one of the City's priority projects; and,

WHEREAS, the project design is now complete; and,

WHEREAS, the BTA application is currently being reviewed by Caltrans; and,

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Comprehensive Bicycle Route Plan includes the City of Belmont's short-to-mid term goals, which identifies existing and future bicycle infrastructure needs; and,

WHEREAS, by adopting the San Mateo County Comprehensive Bicycle Route Plan that complies with Streets and Highways Code Section 891.2, the City of Belmont is eligible to receive funding from the BTA program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belmont does adopt the San Mateo County Comprehensive Bicycle Route Plan and to comply with Streets and Highways Code Section 891.2.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on January 10, 2006 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont