



Staff Report

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FILING OF THE TRANSPORTATION FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION FOR CITY CONTRACT NO. 433 – HIGHWAY 101 BICYCLE/PEDSTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000,000

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

Staff is seeking approval from City Council to apply for a Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) 2006 Capital Program grant in the amount of \$3,000,000 to fund construction of the U.S. Highway 101 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Project. The TLC grant is administered by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the application is due by June 23, 2006.

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 City's strategy for this project is to identify all appropriate grant opportunities and apply for grants as they become available. The City has identified \$400,000 of Park Improvement funds, but will not commit these funds until such time as it accumulates sufficient grant funding to complete the project.

The current estimate for the bicycle and pedestrian bridge is \$5.5 million for construction and construction management services. The City has secured the following funding:

<u>Secured Funding Sources</u>	<u>Amount</u>
• Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) FY 01/02	\$ 585,000
• Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)	\$2,600,000
• City funds (Park Improvement funds)	\$ 400,000
Total	\$3,585,000

<u>Potential Additional Funding Sources</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
• Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) FY 06/07	\$1,250,000	Application pending
• Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC)	\$3,000,000	Application due 6/23/06
• Reauthorized Measure A Bike Bridge Project	TBD	Not available until FY08
	Total \$4,250,000	

Staff is watching for other funding opportunities and will recommend applying for them when they become available.

Discussion

MTC has announced that TLC funds are available for the entire nine Bay Area counties. The purpose of TLC is to support community-based transportation projects that bring new vibrancy to downtown areas, commercial cores, neighborhoods, and transit corridors; enhance their amenities and ambiance; and make them places where people want to live, work and visit. TLC provides funding for projects that are developed through an inclusive community planning effort, provide for a range of transportation choices, and support connectivity between transportation investments and land uses. The maximum amount that TLC will grant to any single project is \$3,000,000. Awarded funds are subject to federal rules and guidelines requiring a minimum local match of 11.47 percent from other non-federal transportation sources (i.e., from other non-federal grants and/or City funds). To improve the City's chances of receiving this grant, staff recommends a local match of 25 percent of the grant amount.

Staff attended a regional workshop to gather information regarding grant money obligation and project completion schedule. Belmont's Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge is eligible for this grant because it provides access to downtown, commercial cores, neighborhoods, and regional transit corridors and is the #3 priority project identified in the 2000 San Mateo County Comprehensive Bicycle Route Plan. The deadline for application to MTC is June 23, 2006. Upon completion of the evaluation, MTC plans to release a draft program of projects recommended for TLC funding in September 2006. The Commission is expected to approve the draft program of projects in October 2006.

General Plan/Vision Statement

No impact.

Fiscal Impact

There is no direct fiscal impact from Council's approval of the TLC grant application. However, if MTC approves the application, the City is committed to a 25% local match. This would

amount to about approximately \$750,000. Staff anticipates using the Reauthorized Measure A Bike Bridge project funds and other non-federal grants for the local match. Staff is watching for other funding opportunities and will recommend applying for them when they become available. Once the City has obtained sufficient grant funding, staff will recommend that the City commit its own matching funds 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 authorizing the Director of Public Works to submit an application for the Transportation for Livable Communities Program (TLC) grant in the amount of \$3,000,000.

Alternatives

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

Attachments

- A. Resolution

Respectfully submitted,

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WHEREAS, the City’s funding strategy is to seek out and apply for grant funding as it becomes available to construct CCN 433 – U.S. Highway 101 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge project; and,

WHEREAS, MTC allocates federal Transportation for Livable Communities Program grant funds toward capital projects; and,

WHEREAS, the maximum amount allocated to a project is \$3 million; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Belmont will provide a local match of 25% of the approved Transportation for Livable Communities Program grant amount awarded to the City through the Reauthorized Measure A Bike Bridge project funds or other non-federal grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belmont does authorize the Director of Public Works to submit an application for the Transportation for Livable Communities Program grant for City Contract No. 433 – U.S. Highway 101 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Project.

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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 June 13, 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