



Staff Report

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FILING OF THE TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR CLEAN AIR GRANT APPLICATION FOR CITY CONTRACT NUMBER. 433 – U.S. HIGHWAY 101 BICYCLE/PEDSTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

Staff is seeking approval from City Council to apply for a Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) FY07 Regional Fund Cycle grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 to fund construction of the U.S. Highway 101 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Project. The TFCA grant is administered by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) and the application is due by July 24, 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 pending
• Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA)	\$1,000,000	Application due 7/24/06
• Reauthorized Measure A Bike Bridge Project	TBD	Not available until FY08
	Total \$5,250,000	

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

Discussion

BAAQMD has announced that TFCA funds are available for the nine Bay Area counties and non-public entities. TFCA funds are distributed to implement projects to reduce air pollution from motor vehicles in accordance with the requirements of State law and the Air District's *Bay Area 2005 Ozone Strategy*. The maximum amount that TFCA will grant to any single project is \$1,500,000. A local match of 10 percent of the awarded grant amount from other non-TFCA sources is required. A greater local match does not improve the City's chances of receiving this grant.

Staff attended a workshop to gather information regarding grant money obligation and project completion schedule. Belmont's Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge is eligible for this grant because the bikeway improvement spanning U.S. Highway 101 is the #3 priority project identified in the 2000 San Mateo County's Comprehensive Bicycle Route Plan. The deadline for application to BAAQMD is July 24, 2006. Upon completion of the evaluation, the BAAQMD Board of Directors will award grants to deserving projects in October 2006. Project sponsors must sign a Funding Agreement within two (2) months from the date of award in order to remain eligible for the TFCA grant.

General Plan/Vision Statement

No impact.

Fiscal Impact

There is no direct fiscal impact from Council's approval of the TFCA grant application. However, if BAAQMD approves the application, the City is committed to a 10% local match. This would amount to about approximately \$100,000. Staff anticipates using the Reauthorized

Measure A Bike Bridge project funds and other non-TFCA grants for the local match. 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 Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.

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 City Contract Number 433 – U.S. Highway 101 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge project; and,

WHEREAS, Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) allocates Transportation Fund for Clean Air grant funds toward projects that reduce air pollution from motor vehicles in accordance with the requirement of State law and the Air District’s *Bay Area 2005 Ozone Strategy*; and,

WHEREAS, the maximum amount granted to a project is \$1.5 million; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Belmont will provide a local match of 10% of the approved Transportation Fund for Clean Air grant amount awarded to the City through the Reauthorized Measure A Bike Bridge project funds or other non-TFCA 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 Fund for Clean Air grant for City Contract Number 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 July 11, 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