



Staff Report

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BELMONT TO ENTER INTO A FREEWAY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE U.S. HIGHWAY 101 BICYCLE/PEDESTRAIN BRIDGE PROJECT, CITY CONTRACT NUMBER 433

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

The State of California requires that the City of Belmont enter into a Freeway Maintenance Agreement stipulating that the City will accept control and maintenance of the U.S. Highway 101 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Project upon its completion. This is a standard requirement for structures encroaching on the State right-of-way. The agreement must be signed by the Mayor, the City Clerk, and the City Attorney and returned to Caltrans with certified copies of a resolution adopted by City Council approving the Agreement and authorizing its execution.

Background

The bicycle and pedestrian bridge project over U.S. Highway 101 is one of the City's priority projects. The design is now complete and the City will be ready to invite bids for construction as soon as it obtains sufficient funding commitments.

The State requires a Freeway Maintenance Agreement for the bridge because it encroaches into State right-of-way. The Agreement defines the conditions, responsibilities, and expenses the State accepts and the conditions, responsibilities, and expenses the City accepts.

Discussion

After the bridge is completed and accepted by the City, per the agreement, the City will maintain all landscaping, and features above the deck of the bridge and ramp structures. The City will pay the State to maintain structures below the deck of the bridge and ramp.

The State will maintain at its expense, the bridge soundwall, chain link railing, concrete barrier, and retaining wall. The City Attorney has reviewed the Freeway Maintenance Agreement and has no comments on the form and content of the Agreement.

Fiscal Impact

There is no direct fiscal impact from Council’s approval authorizing the City of Belmont to enter into a Freeway Maintenance Agreement with the State.

Public Contact

The City Council meeting agenda was posted.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City of Belmont to execute a Freeway Maintenance Agreement with the State of California for the U.S. Highway 101 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge project.

Alternatives

1. Refer back to staff for further information.
2. Take no action.
3. Deny the request.

Attachments

A. Resolution

Respectfully submitted,

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BELMONT TO ENTER INTO A FREEWAY
MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE U.S.
101 HIGHWAY BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT,
CITY CONTRACT NUMBER 433**

WHEREAS, the City of Belmont desires to build a bicycle/pedestrian bridge crossing U.S. Highway 101; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Belmont has completed the design and will invite bids for construction of the project as soon as it obtains sufficient funding commitments; and,

WHEREAS, the bridge will encroach onto State of California right-of-way; and,

WHEREAS, the State of California requires that the City of Belmont enter into a Freeway Maintenance Agreement stipulating maintenance responsibilities for the U.S. Highway 101 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge; and,

WHEREAS, staff has prepared this Resolution for City Council approval to fulfill a requirement of the Freeway Maintenance Agreement with the State of California for the proposed project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belmont authorizes the City of Belmont to execute a Freeway Maintenance Agreement with the State of California for the U.S. Highway 101 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Project, City Contract Number 433.

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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 November 14, 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