



## **Staff Report**

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### **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FILING OF THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR COMPETITIVE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT GRANT FOR HOLLY ROAD IN AN AMOUNT OF \$250,000**

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

#### **Summary**

Staff is seeking approval from City Council to apply for a Competitive Demonstration Project Grant for Sustainable Green Streets and Parking Lots Program in the amount of \$250,000 to fund the construction of stormwater best management practices (BMPs) for a demonstration project on Holly Road that would tie into Twin Pines Park. The grant is administered by the City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) of San Mateo County and the application is due by February 15, 2008. CCAG will review the grant applications and select projects in April 2008.

#### **Background**

City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) of San Mateo County has made funds available through the Sustainable, Green Streets and Parking Lots Program. The goal and objectives of this program include encouraging support for stormwater pollution prevention, treatment, and flow control Best Management Practices (BMP's) that are well suited for use in streets and parking lots and associated educational outreach. The projects should be ones that visibly and successfully demonstrate the benefit of the vehicle fee funding of stormwater management. An educational component is desired to show the use and aesthetic benefits of landscape-based stormwater pollution prevention treatment, and flow control BMP's. The project has the potential to be included in Technical Guidance Manuals published by the County and information may be collected regarding installed treatment measures effectiveness.

In conjunction with future community collaboration and outreach to finalize the design it is envisioned that curb and gutter tying into bulb out planter areas, serving the dual role of providing flow attenuation as well as traffic calming would ultimately tie into natural swales and an infiltration area within Twin Pines Park.

Staff is seeking Council's approval to apply for funding for the planning; design, construction and planning of maintenance of the demonstration project curb gutter and drainage system on Holly Road and down hill from Holly Road, crossing Ralston Avenue, to the vicinity of Belmont

Creek in Twin Pines Park.

**Discussion**

The C/CAG of San Mateo County announced the availability of competitive grant funds to construct stormwater BMPs for demonstration project associated with streets and parking lots. C/CAG has authorized the use of up to \$900,000 of Vehicle Registration fees that were collected as part of the legislation enacted in 2004 (AB 1546 – Simitian) for vehicle related stormwater mitigation. C/CAG revenues are generated through a \$4.00 surcharge on motor vehicle registrations for vehicle related storm water mitigation.

The selection of grant projects to fund will be competitive. The grant amounts will be a minimum of \$50,000 up to a maximum of \$250,000 per project. While the grants do not require a local contribution, applications that are able to leverage funding from other grants and sources of funding will be considered more cost-effective than ones that do not. On this basis, they would receive a higher score for one of the selection criterion.

The projects funds are for the planning, design, and construction of capital projects that showcase the use of stormwater best management practices for new or retrofitted street and parking lot projects. The constructed project would be a demonstration project, and public information and educational aspects showing environmental benefits of the project would need to be included. The transition from a parking lot and municipal services area utilized by the community as a whole to an adjoining residential street would be highlighted. As a demonstration project, future tours and material prepared by C/CAG of the site would be anticipated. The project would tie into City goals to enhance environmental sustainability as well.

The estimated cost of the project would utilize the full amount of the grant allowed at \$250,000. The Competitive Demonstration Project Grant for Sustainable, Green Streets and parking Lots require the project construction be complete within two years. The project could be constructed in phases should funding needs so require.

**General Plan/Vision Statement**

The project described in this staff report is supported by the Belmont General Plan, Section 2041, Public Facilities and Services, which reads “To ensure that public facilities are located, designed and operated in a way that enhances the quality of the City’s residential character”.

**Fiscal Impact**

There is no cost to the City for approval of this resolution.

**Public Contact**

The publication and posting of the City Council agenda.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to submit an application for the Competitive Demonstration Project Grant for Sustainable, Green Streets and Parking Lots in the amount of \$250,000.

**Alternatives**

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

**Attachments**

- A. Resolution
- B. Location Map

Respectfully submitted,

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THE FILING OF THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR COMPETITIVE  
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT GRANT FOR HOLLY ROAD  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000**

**WHEREAS**, City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) has made funds available through the Vehicle Registration fees that were collected as part of legislation enacted in 2004 (AB 1546- Simitian) for vehicle related stormwater mitigation in the County of San Mateo; and,

**WHEREAS**, the C/CAG’s objective is to fund the most cost-effective demonstration projects that will promote the education and support for Green Streets in San Mateo County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the selection of grant projects will be competitive and grant amounts will be minimum of \$50,000 up to a maximum of \$250,000 per project; and,

**WHEREAS**, staff is seeking approval from City Council to apply for the Competitive Demonstration Project Grant for Sustainable Green Streets and Parking Lots grant in the amount of \$250,000 to fund the construction of a demonstration project on Holly Road.;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Belmont does authorize the Director of Public Works to sign and submit an application for the for Competitive Demonstration Project Grant for Sustainable, Green Streets and Parking Lots in the amount of \$250,000.

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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 February 12, 2008 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

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CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

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MAYOR of the City of Belmont



**EXHIBIT 1**  
City of Belmont  
Vicinity of Holly Road

**TWIN  
PINES  
PARK**

Location of  
Proposed Improvements