



## **Staff Report**

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### RESOLUTION APPROVING A REQUEST TO THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC) FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010 TRANSPORTATION ACT ARTICLE 3 FUNDING FOR THE PROPOSED RALSTON AVENUE CURB RAMPS PHASE II PROJECT

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

#### **Summary**

Staff is seeking permission from City Council to apply for the FY2009/2010 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Program for curb ramp improvements for pedestrian safety. The TDA application is due by January 9, 2009.

#### **Background**

The City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) has made funds available for bicycle and pedestrian related projects through the FY2009/2010 TDA Article 3 Program fund to public agencies. Staff is seeking Council approval to apply for funding from this grant to improve or install Americans Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps at various locations along Ralston Avenue.

#### **Discussion**

The TDA Article 3 Program funds pedestrian and bicycle related projects. Staff is seeking approval to apply for this grant funding to address citizen complaints about the condition of existing curb ramps or the non-existence of curb ramps along Ralston Avenue. Upon completion, the project will 'eliminate or improve an identified problem area', 'provide a continuous interconnected route to activity centers where they did not previously exist', and 'enhance pedestrian commuting.' The project will enhance pedestrian access and is a critical step to provide an improved route along Ralston Avenue between the senior-care facilities, shopping centers, schools and the downtown area.

In March 2008, CCAG approved \$40,000 TDA fund for the Ralston Avenue Curb Ramps Phase I Project. The scope of the project includes ADA compliant ramps on Ralston Avenue at Notre Dame Avenue, Avon Street, Chevy Street, Academy Drive and Villa Avenue. Staff has identified another four locations to install or upgrade twelve curb ramps to ADA compliance for the Phase II Project. These locations are at the intersections of Ralston Avenue with Sixth Avenue, Chula Vista Drive, and the entrances to the Notre Dame University . Included in the

project is the relocation of drainage inlets and striping. These curb ramp improvements address certain priorities of the City’s 1995 ADA Title II Transition Plan.

Article 3 of the Transportation Development Act (TDA), Public Utilities Code (PUC) Section 99200 authorizes the submission of claims to a regional transportation planning agency for the funding of projects exclusively for the benefit and/or use of pedestrians and bicyclists. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), as the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Region, has adopted MTC Resolution No. 875, Revised, entitled “Transportation Development Act, Article 3, Pedestrian/Bicycle Projects,” which delineates procedures and criteria for submission of requests for the allocation of “TDA Article 3” funding. The MTC Resolution No. 875, Revised, requires that requests for the allocation of TDA Article 3 funding be submitted as part of a single, countywide coordinated claim from each county in the San Francisco Bay Region.

Staff is requesting approval to apply for a grant amount of \$40,000. To keep the City’s application competitive, staff recommends a local match of \$32,500. The City must expend the awarded funds by July 2012. The City is required to provide a resolution to fulfill the grant requirements. This resolution is submitted with the formal application to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. The project was previously reviewed and approved by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee in January, 2008.

**General Plan/Vision Statement**

The installation of curb ramps will satisfy the following goal and policy in the General Plan:

Policy 2081.6 *“Street and road improvement standards, including rights-of-way, pavement width and grade, should provide for reasonable safety and recognize variations in local physical conditions.”* - The installation of curb ramps within City right-of-way shall improve the accessibility in the area.

**Fiscal Impact**

The City will provide the matching funds from the Measure A funds Account #234-4312-3100-9030.

**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 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 grant for the proposed Ralston Curb Ramp Project.

**Alternatives**

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

**Attachments**

- A. Resolution (TDA)
- B. TDA Attachment A-Findings
- C. TDA Application Attachment B
- D. ADA ramps location map

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT APPROVING A REQUEST TO THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC) FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010 TRANSPORTATION ACT ARTICLE 3 FUNDING FOR THE PROPOSED RALSTON AVENUE CURB RAMPS PHASE II PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Article 3 of the Transportation Development Act (TDA), Public Utilities Code (PUC) Section 99200 et seq., authorizes the submission of claims to a regional transportation planning agency for the funding of projects exclusively for the benefit and/or use of pedestrians and bicyclists; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), as the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Region, has adopted MTC Resolution No. 875, Revised, entitled "Transportation Development Act, Article 3, Pedestrian/Bicycle Projects," which delineates procedures and criteria for submission of requests for the allocation of "TDA Article 3" funding; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Resolution No. 875, Revised, requires that requests for the allocation of TDA Article 3 funding be submitted as part of a single, countywide coordinated claim from each county in the San Francisco Bay Region; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Belmont desires to submit a request to MTC for the allocation of TDA Article 3 funds to support the projects described in Attachment B to this resolution, which are for the exclusive benefit and/or use of pedestrians and/or bicyclists.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Belmont declares that:

1. The City of Belmont is eligible to request an allocation of TDA Article 3 funds pursuant to Section 99234 of the Public Utilities Code.
2. There is no pending or threatened litigation that might adversely affect the project or projects described in Attachment B to this resolution, or that might impair the ability of the City of Belmont to carry out the project.
3. The City of Belmont attests to the accuracy of and approves the statements in Attachment A to this resolution.
4. A certified copy of this resolution and its attachments, and any accompanying supporting materials shall be forwarded to the congestion management agency, countywide transportation planning agency, or county association of governments of San Mateo County for submission to MTC as part of the countywide coordinated TDA Article 3 claim.

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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 December 9, 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

## ATTACHMENT A

### Findings

1. That the City of Belmont is not legally impeded from submitting a request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the allocation of Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 funds, nor is the City of Belmont legally impeded from undertaking the project(s) described in “Attachment B” of this resolution.
2. That the City of Belmont has committed adequate staffing resources to complete the project(s) described in Attachment B.
3. A review of the project(s) described in Attachment B has resulted in the consideration of all pertinent matters, including those related to environmental and right-of-way permits and clearances, attendant to the successful completion of the project(s).
4. Issues attendant to securing environmental and right-of-way permits and clearances for the projects described in Attachment B have been reviewed and will be concluded in a manner and on a schedule that will not jeopardize the deadline for the use of the TDA funds being requested.
5. That the project(s) described in Attachment B comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.).
6. That as portrayed in the budgetary description(s) of the project(s) in Attachment B, the sources of funding other than TDA are assured and adequate for completion of the project(s).
7. That the project(s) described in Attachment B are for capital construction and/or design engineering; and/or for the maintenance of a Class I bikeway which is closed to motorized traffic; and/or for the purposes of restriping Class II bicycle lanes; and/or for the development or support of a bicycle safety education program; and/or for the development of a comprehensive bicycle and/or pedestrian facilities plan, and an allocation of TDA Article 3 funding for such a plan has not been received by the City Of Belmont within the prior five fiscal years.
8. That the project(s) described in Attachment B which are bicycle projects have been included in a detailed bicycle circulation element included in an adopted general plan, or included in an adopted comprehensive bikeway plan (such as outlined in Section 2377 of the California Bikeways Act, Streets and Highways Code section 2370 et seq.).
9. That any project described in Attachment B that is a “Class I Bikeway,” meets the mandatory minimum safety design criteria published in Chapter 1000 of the California Highway Design Manual.
10. That the project(s) described in Attachment B are ready to commence implementation during the fiscal year of the requested allocation.
11. That the City Of Belmont agrees to maintain, or provide for the maintenance of, the project(s) and facilities described in Attachment B, for the benefit of and use by the public.

## Attachment B

### TDA Article 3 Project Application Form

Fiscal Year of this Claim: 2009/2010                      Applicant: City of Belmont

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**Short Title Description of Project:** Ralston Avenue Curb Ramp Project – Phase Two

Amount of claim: \$40,000

**Functional Description of Project:**  
Install curb ramps at four locations on Ralston Avenue with Sixth Avenue, Chula Vista Drive and the two entrances to Notre Dame University..

**Financial Plan:**  
List the project elements for which TDA funding is being requested (e.g., planning, environmental, engineering, right-of-way, construction, inspection, contingency, audit). Use the table below to show the project budget. Include prior and proposed future funding of the project. If the project is a segment of a larger project, include prior and proposed funding sources for the other segments.

**Project Elements:** Environmental, right of way, engineering construction, construction management, contingency audit etc.

Funding Source	All Prior FYs	Application FY	Next FY	Following FYs	Totals
TDA Article 3		10,000	30,000		40,000
list all other sources:					
1. Measure A		5,000	27500		32,500
2.					
3.					
4.					
<b>Totals</b>		15,000	57,500		75,500

Project Eligibility:	YES?/NO?
A. Has the project been approved by the claimant's governing body? (If "NO," provide the approximate date approval is anticipated).	Yes
B. Has this project previously received TDA Article 3 funding? If "YES," provide an explanation on a separate page.	No
C. For "bikeways," does the project meet Caltrans minimum safety design criteria pursuant to Chapter 1000 of the California Highway Design Manual? (Available on the internet via: <a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov">http://www.dot.ca.gov</a> ).	N/A
D. Has the project been reviewed by a Bicycle Advisory Committee? (If "NO," provide an explanation).	Yes
E. Has the public availability of the environmental compliance documentation for the project (pursuant to CEQA) been evidenced by the dated stamping of the document by the county clerk or county recorder? (required only for projects that include construction).	Yes
F. Will the project be completed before the allocation expires? Enter the anticipated completion date of project (month and year) <u>10/2009</u>	Yes
G. Have provisions been made by the claimant to maintain the project or facility, or has the claimant arranged for such maintenance by another agency? (If an agency other than the Claimant is to maintain the facility provide its name: _____)	Yes

Attachment D  
ADA Ramps Location Map Phase II

