



Staff Report

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN ALL PERMIT APPLICATIONS, AGREEMENTS, AND OTHER ENTITLEMENTS RELATED TO THE U.S. HIGHWAY 101 BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT, CITY CONTRACT NUMBER 433

Honorable Chair and Board Members:

Summary

Staff recommends that the Redevelopment Agency adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to sign all permit applications, agreements, and other entitlements related to the U.S. Highway 101 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Project.

Background

This staff report is a companion to the resolution authorized at the previous City Council meeting and only proposed as the Redevelopment Agency owns portions of the property where the trail will be located. The State of California has recently informed staff that there is a possibility of allocating approximately \$4,593,000 to the U.S. Highway 101 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Project. As the project approval is being finalized, various permit applications, agreements, and other entitlements need to be signed quickly in order to meet the funding deadlines. In order to avoid potential delay due to any questions by other agencies as to authority to sign these documents, it is recommended the Executive Director be clearly authorized to sign any necessary applications or other documents.

Discussion

The current estimate for the bicycle and pedestrian bridge is \$8,110,000 for construction and construction management services. The City will have the following funding for the project if the Stimulus Funding is approved:

<u>Secured Funding Sources</u>	<u>Amount</u>
• Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)	\$2,663,304
• Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM)	\$350,000
• Bicycle Facility Program (BFP)	\$57,000
Total grant funding secured:	\$3,070,304
• Federal ARRA Transportation Enhancement (State)	\$2,493,000
• Federal ARRA Transportation Enhancement (Region)	\$2,100,000
Total grant funding:	\$7,663,304

The City needs to provide a minimum of \$446,696 of local match to fund the project. Additionally, the EEM grant was based on 4.28% of the previous estimated project cost of \$8,185,000 with a not-to-exceed grant amount of \$350,000. The current project cost estimate is \$8,110,000. If the current estimate is accurate, the total grant from the EEM will only be \$347,108. The City fund required to offset the EEM fund is \$2,892. Moreover, there is also City support cost not directly funded by the grant for the duration of the project construction. The following is a summary of local funding required for the project:

• Minimum local match for grants	\$446,696
• City fund required to off-set EEM	\$2,892
• City support cost	\$200,000
Total local funding needed:	<u>\$649,588</u>

The City and the Redevelopment Agency are applying permits, which are also referred to as agreements by certain agencies, for this project from different agencies including Caltrans, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Bay Conservation and Development Commission's (BCDC) and is applying for other approvals from State Lands Commission, Caltrans and the funding agencies. (The Redevelopment Agency is the current title owner of the Sport Complex property adjacent to the O'Neill slough within the project area.) In order to satisfy the stringent stimulus fund requirements, all these applications must be approved before June 2009. Staff requests the Redevelopment Agency to give authority to the Executive Director to sign all permit applications, agreements, and other entitlements related to this project so that the process can be expedited and there is no question regarding authorization to approve.

General Plan/Vision Statement

The installation of bicycle pathways comply with the General Plan:

Circulation Element Goal #10: *"To provide a system of hiking and riding trails, pedestrian paths, bicycle paths and lanes to: a) Provide recreation, particularly scenic, quiet, leisurely neighborhood walks and rides; b) Furnish easy access to trails from individual properties; c) Permit safe, pleasant travel among parts of the community; d) Connect local areas within the City to through trails and paths and regional trail and path systems."*

Fiscal Impact

The local match of \$649,588 for the construction of the project will be from Street Improvements Capital Improvement Project (Measure A/Grants) Account 234-3-730-3091-9030.

Staff is discussing with the staff of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority of possible Measure A funds as a funding source for the local match that will include Street and Redevelopment Agency funds, as specified in the FY 2010 budget. Staff is also discussing with Caltrans staff of possible using any of the Federal funds for City staff support if there is any saving of the grant fund from the construction.

Public Contact

Posting of Redevelopment Agency agenda.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Redevelopment Agency authorizing the Executive Director to sign all permit applications agreements, and other entitlements for the U.S. Highway 101 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge project.

Alternatives

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

Attachments

- A. Resolution

Respectfully submitted,

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF BELMONT
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AGREEMENTS, AND OTHER ENTITLEMENTS RELATED TO THE U.S. HIGHWAY 101
BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT, CITY CONTRACT NUMBER 433**

WHEREAS, this resolution is a companion to the resolution authorized at the previous City Council meeting and only proposed as the Redevelopment Agency owns portions of the property where the trail will be located; and,

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

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

WHEREAS, Caltrans has informed the City of Belmont and the Belmont Redevelopment Agency that there is a possibility of allocating approximately \$4,593,000 in Stimulus Funding for this project; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Belmont and Belmont Redevelopment Agency are applying several permits and other approvals from different governmental agencies which requires permit applications, agreements; and other entitlements; and,

WHEREAS, staff has prepared this Resolution for Redevelopment Agency approval to authorize the Executive Director to approve applications related to the proposed project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Belmont Redevelopment Agency authorizes the Executive Director to sign all permit applications agreements, and other entitlements related to this project.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on June 9, 2009.

AYES, DIRECTOR(S): _____

NOES, DIRECTOR(S): _____

ABSTAIN, DIRECTOR(S) _____

ABSENT, DIRECTOR(S): _____

Secretary, Redevelopment Agency

APPROVED:

Chair, Redevelopment Agency