

CITY OF ALAMEDA

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: John A. Russo
City Manager

Date: May 7, 2013

Re: Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit a Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant Application to Caltrans for \$232,200 to Conduct a Central Avenue Area Complete Streets Plan, to Commit \$25,800 in Measure B Funds as a Local Match, and to Execute All Necessary Documents

BACKGROUND

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is accepting applications for Community-Based Transportation Planning (CBTP) grant funds for FY13-14. This program funds coordinated transportation and land use planning that promotes public engagement, livable communities and a sustainable transportation system, which includes mobility, access, and safety. For the FY13-14 funding cycle, Caltrans will award approximately \$3 million in competitive grants to local governments throughout California, with a maximum award of \$300,000 per project, and a required 10% local match.

DISCUSSION

Consistent with the City's adopted Bicycle Master Plan Update (2010), the Pedestrian Plan (2009), the Transportation Project Implementation List (2013) and the Complete Streets Policy (2013), the Public Works staff requests approval to submit a grant application to develop the Central Avenue Area Complete Streets Plan. This project will conduct an outreach process and options analysis for Central Avenue between Pacific Avenue and Grand Street and the proposed adjacent San Francisco Bay Trail. The plan will focus on school, transit, truck and jobs access, two five-legged intersections, bikeway treatments, a potential narrowing of the travel lanes and paths along the bay waterfront. The goal is to create a more multi-modal, sustainable community that addresses sea level rise and global warming. For the City to receive these CBTP funds, Caltrans requires that the City Council adopt a resolution indicating support for the proposed planning effort.

The Transportation Commission recommended approval of the proposed project at its January 23, 2013 meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Public Works staff is requesting \$232,200 from the CBTP and \$25,800 as the local match from Measure B (Fund 215) to complete the Central Avenue Area Complete Streets Plan. This planning effort will not impact the General Fund.

MUNICIPAL CODE/POLICY DOCUMENT CROSS REFERENCE

This action does not affect the Alameda Municipal Code. The projects directly support General Plan Transportation Element as shown below:

- Objective 4.3.2, "Enhance opportunities for pedestrian access and movement by developing, promoting, and maintaining pedestrian networks and environments."
- Policy 4.3.3.a, "Maintain and implement the Bicycle Master Plan with regard to physical system improvements (especially the identified priority projects), as well as programs and policies relating to encouragement, education and enforcement."

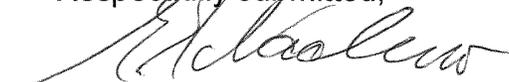
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

In accordance with the California Environmental Act (CEQA), the Central Avenue Area Complete Streets Plan is Categorically Exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c), Existing Facilities.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a Community-Based Transportation Planning grant application to Caltrans for \$232,200 to conduct a Central Avenue Area Complete Streets Plan, to commit \$25,800 in Measure B funds as a local match, and to execute all necessary documents.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew T. Naclerio
Public Works Director

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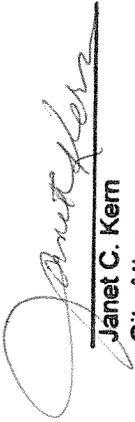
Gail Payne
Transportation Coordinator

Financial Impact section reviewed,



for Fred Marsh
Controller

Approved as to Form


Janet C. Kern
City Attorney

CITY OF ALAMEDA RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A COMMUNITY-BASED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION TO CALTRANS FOR \$232,200 TO CONDUCT A CENTRAL AVENUE AREA COMPLETE STREETS PLAN, TO COMMIT \$25,800 IN MEASURE B FUNDS AS A LOCAL MATCH, AND TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation is accepting applications for Community-Based Transportation Planning grant funds for FY 2013/2014 totaling approximately \$3 million in competitive grants to local governments throughout California; and

WHEREAS, the Community-Based Transportation Planning grant funds coordinated transportation and land use planning that promotes public engagement, livable communities and a sustainable transportation system, which includes mobility, access and safety; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alameda has submitted a grant application to the California Department of Transportation for funds from the Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant Program for a Central Avenue Area Complete Streets Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Central Avenue Area Complete Streets Plan will conduct an outreach process and options analysis for Central Avenue between Pacific Avenue and Grand Street and the proposed adjacent San Francisco Bay Trail; and

WHEREAS, the plan will focus on school, transit, truck and jobs access, two five-legged intersections, bikeway treatments, a potential narrowing of the travel lanes and paths along the bay waterfront; and

WHEREAS, the plan goal is to create a more multi-modal, sustainable community that addresses sea level rise and global warming; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alameda has a Complete Streets Policy stating that the City of Alameda will, to the maximum extent feasible and practicable, plan, fund, design, construct, operate and maintain its transportation system and facilities so that they are safe and convenient for all users and modes, as appropriate to the function and context of each facility, and in ways that reflect local conditions and community values; and

WHEREAS, a proposed bay trail gap closure along Central Avenue is a high-priority project in the City's Bicycle Master Plan Update (2010), a medium-priority in the City's Pedestrian Plan (2009) and is on the City's Implementation List for Competitive Grants and Regional Funding (2013); and

WHEREAS, the City of Alameda is eligible to receive Federal or State funding for certain transportation planning related plans, through the California Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, a Fund Transfer Agreement is needed to be executed with the California Department of Transportation before such funds can be claimed through the Transportation Planning Grant Programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alameda wishes to delegate authorization to execute these agreements and any amendments thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Alameda City Council that the City Manager is authorized to execute and file an application for funding under the Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant Program in the amount of \$232,200 for a Central Avenue Area Complete Streets Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alameda City Council by adopting this resolution does hereby state that the City will provide \$25,800 in local matching funds from its Measure B allocation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City shall submit a copy of this Resolution to the California Department of Transportation in conjunction with the filing of the application.

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Council of the City of Alameda during a regular meeting assembled on the 7th day of May, 2013, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSENTIONS:

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said City this 8th day of May, 2013.

Lara Weisiger, City Clerk
City of Alameda