



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of  
Supervisors

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Department Name: Public Works/Planning  
and Development  
Department No.: 054/053  
For Agenda Of: March 15, 2011  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme: N/A  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Scott McGolpin, Public Works Department, 568-3010  
Directors Glenn Russell, Ph.D., Planning and Development, 568-2084  
Contact Info: Dacé Morgan, Deputy Director ,Transportation, 568-3064  
Jeffrey S. Hunt, AICP, Director, Long Range Planning, 568-2072  
**SUBJECT: Caltrans Community-Based Transportation Grant Applications  
Mission Canyon Road, First Supervisorial District and Downtown Los Alamos, Third  
Supervisorial District**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Resolution authorizing the Public Works Department and the Planning and Development Department to submit Caltrans Community-Based Transportation Grant Applications for 1) Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements to Mission Canyon Road - on behalf of the Santa Barbara Natural History Museum; and 2) the Los Alamos Downtown Pedestrian Circulation and Parking Plan.

**Summary Text:**

In February 2011, Caltrans issued a call for projects for the Division of Transportation Planning Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Grant Program. A total of \$3 million in grant funds are estimated to be available, pending approval of the State budget. The overall purpose of the grant program is to fund coordinated transportation and land use planning that promotes public engagement, livable communities, and a sustainable transportation system, which includes mobility, access, and safety. A local Resolution that identifies by title, the person(s) authorized to enter into a contract with Caltrans, must be enacted by the application deadline, which is March 30, 2011.

The Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History contacted the Public Works Department and requested that we sponsor their application for this Caltrans grant program. The grant program allows for non-profit organizations, such as the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, to be a sub-recipient of these grant funds. Staff has met with representatives from the Museum and has reviewed the proposed project. The proposed project would act as a template for bicycle and pedestrian improvements throughout the Mission Canyon Community Plan area. The following agencies and individuals have indicated their support for this project: the Mission Canyon Association; the Upper Eastside Association; Old Mission Santa Barbara; the City of Santa Barbara; and Assemblymember Das Williams.

The Los Alamos Downtown Pedestrian Circulation and Parking Plan is identified as a future action item in the recently adopted Los Alamos Community Plan (LACP), and a high priority potential project in the Long Range Planning 2011-2012 Annual Work Program. The Board of Supervisors' approval of the LACP rezoned the Los Alamos Downtown and set in motion the first steps in revitalizing downtown as a pedestrian friendly, mixed-use shopping district. Staff has identified the Caltrans grant as being a good match for implementing LACP streetscape improvements and has received support from the community for submitting an application for the grant. Long Range Planning Division staff has received letters of support for this grant from Linda Denton, the Principal of Olga Reed Elementary School and Christopher Wrather, Chair of the Los Alamos Planning Advisory Committee. Several Los Alamos business owners have also expressed their support for the grant application and participation in the planning process.

Staff recommends that your Board adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the Public Works and Planning and Development Departments to submit the above mentioned grant applications.

**Background:**

**Project Description: Mission Canyon Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements**

The Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History is currently updating their Master Plan. The roadway component of the Master Plan involves working within the framework of the Mission Canyon Community Plan (MCCP) to create bicycle and pedestrian improvements that will preserve the semi-rural character of this area. As a planning document, the MCCP provides guidance on creating a bicycle and pedestrian lane; however, it does not provide the specific details on how the lane should look and function. These details are necessary for the Museum to move forward with their Master Plan. The Community-Based Transportation and Planning Grant Program offers the opportunity to define the aspects of a bicycle and pedestrian lane, specifically on the east side of Mission Canyon Road. This grant would concentrate on the block between the entrance to Rocky Nook Park and the intersection of Mission Canyon Road and Puesta del Sol; however, the conceptual plans that would be developed could serve as a template for the Mission Canyon Community as it moves forward with the future implementation of the MCCP.

The Museum would act as the grant sub-recipient and would prepare the grant application. The Museum would be responsible for preparing conceptual plans for improvements to the east side of Mission Canyon Road, between Rocky Nook Park and Puesta del Sol. The County would attend Community meetings, review and provide technical input to the conceptual plans, and attend project

team meetings as necessary. The grant requires a local 10% match, which the Museum would provide, if the grant were awarded.

**Project Description: Los Alamos Downtown Pedestrian Circulation and Parking Plan**

The implementing policies in the LACP direct staff to engage in a collaborative process to create a Downtown Pedestrian Circulation and Parking Plan that will define a seamless network of street side improvements to serve the Los Alamos community. The project consists of a collaborative visioning process with the Los Alamos community to design pedestrian and bicycle improvements for “complete streets” connections through the town center. The visioning process will include designing the open spaces that constitute the public realm including street frontages, parking, walkway designs, and landscaping. The parking and pedestrian circulation plan will detail the phasing and installation of parking, walkways, bicycle paths, lighting, street furniture, landscaping, and drainage designed in accordance with the Bell Street Design Guidelines and Los Alamos western town theme.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: N/A

**Narrative:**

**Mission Canyon Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements**

The grant requires a 10% local match; these matching funds would come from the Museum. The grant would also reimburse Public Works for staff time necessary to attend project meetings, review the work products and process invoices for the grant. The estimated grant request would be \$85,000. If the grant is awarded, the Department will approach your Board with a budget revision to budget these funds accordingly.

**Los Alamos Downtown Pedestrian Circulation and Parking Plan**

In accordance with the Long Range Planning Division’s estimated budget for this project in the FY 2011-2012 Annual Work Program, the grant request will be approximately \$107,000 (note: the grant cannot fund the costs of the engineered technical drawings and environmental review components of the work program estimate). The County as applicant will be required to provide a minimum of 10% match in cash and in-kind services for the total project. The required match funds will be in-kind services from P&D staff and resources.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

None

**FTEs:**

None

**Special Instructions:**

Please return two executed original Resolutions, and a certified, stamped Minute Order to the attention of Gena Valentine Felix, Public Works Transportation Section, 568-3064.

Please return two executed original Resolutions, and a certified, stamped Minute Order to the attention of Bret McNulty, Planning and Development, Long Range Planning Division, 884-8060.

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**Attachments:**

Resolution of the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors Approving an Application for Grant Funding from Caltrans Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant Program for Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements along Mission Canyon Road and Downtown Los Alamos (5 originals).

**Authored by:**

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