



Office of the City Manager

INFORMATION CALENDAR

July 16, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager  
 Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Acting Director, Parks Recreation & Waterfront  
 Subject: Letter of Interest: Priority Conservation Area Grant Program for the Bay Trail Extension Staging Area, Restroom, and Parking Lot Project

INTRODUCTION

By the fall 2013, the City will have completed the first segment of the Bay Trail Extension at the Berkeley Marina, from West Frontage Road to the South Sailing Basin parking lot. A new funding program has recently been announced by the State Coastal Conservancy and staff will submit a Letter of Interest in the hopes of being invited to submit a formal proposal to build the next portion of the Bay Trail Extension. If the City is invited to submit, staff will return to Council in the Fall of 2013 for authorization to apply. The details of the grant program are provided below.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

On May 3, 2013, The State Coastal Conservancy (SCC), in cooperation with Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), issued a call for project proposals for the Priority Conservation Area Grant Program. This pilot program focuses on the Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs) in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties. MTC has made \$5 million of federal funds available and the SCC has made \$2.5 million available for a combined total of \$7.5 million. Letters of Interest are due from eligible applicants by July 19, 2013. The funders will review the letters and invite a subset of applicants to submit formal grant applications, which are due by November 15, 2013. Funding decisions will be made in the Spring of 2014.

The goal of the PCA Program is to support Plan Bay Area, which is the long-range transportation and land-use/housing plan for the San Francisco Bay Area. It includes the Bay Area's Regional Transportation Plan, which MTC updates every four years, and ABAG's demographic and economic forecast, which is updated every two years. Eligible projects would do one of the following: protect or enhance resource areas or habitats, provide or enhance bicycle and pedestrian access to open space/parkland resources, or support the agricultural economy of the region.

Since Council has already adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration CEQA document for the entire Bay Trail Extension (Resolution No. 62,375-N.S.), and a significant portion

of the project has already been designed, staff has determined that the Bay Trail Extension is the most competitive of the City's current projects for this grant program. The total proposed project cost is estimated at \$2,489,466, and the City's Letter of Interest will request \$1.6 million in PCA grant funds for the following project elements at the South Sailing Basin in the Berkeley Marina:

- Renovation of the Bay Trail Extension Staging Area bounded by the public small boat docks and the sailing clubs (estimated cost of \$600,000);
- Renovation of the large gravel parking lot and windsurf rigging area adjacent to segment one of the Bay Trail Extension (estimated cost of \$1,289,466); and
- Installation of a new public restroom at that location (estimated cost of \$600,000).

The remaining \$896,000 in project costs are covered by matching grants the City has already been awarded, and funds will be expended as follows: \$600,000 from the Cosco Busan grant using budget code 421-5950-450.65-70; \$96,000 from the California Department of Boating and Waterways grant of \$160,000 using budget code 628-5949-450.30-35; and \$200,000 from the City's Marina Fund using budget code 825-5950-450.65-81. These funds will be appropriated as part of the Second Amendment to the FY 2014 Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

### BACKGROUND

The Bay Trail Extension to the Berkeley Marina is a spur of the San Francisco Bay Trail that will provide bicycle and pedestrian access from the main spine of the Bay Trail at West Frontage Road into the Marina along the south side of University Avenue. The first segment of the trail ends at the parking lot by the South Sailing Basin. When fully built, the project will continue to Hs. Lordship's Restaurant, and from there it will run along the water's edge at Seawall Drive and end at the Berkeley Yacht Club.

On January 27, 2004, Council adopted the Design Plan and a Mitigated Negative Declaration and authorized the City Manager to apply for grant funding for construction of the Bay Trail Extension – Phase One (Resolution No. 62,375-N.S.)

On May 23, 2006, Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with 2M Associates to produce construction bid documents. Construction bid documents were completed in 2008 (Resolution No. 63,308-N.S.)

On December 8, 2009, the Council authorized the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for a federal Transportation Enhancement (TE) grant in the amount of \$1,928,000; accept the grant if awarded; and execute the resultant agreements (Resolution No. 64,709-N.S.)

On November 9, 2010, Council authorized the City Manager to accept and execute a \$355,000 grant from the California Coastal Conservancy (Resolution No. 65,086-N.S.)

On December 15, 2011, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocated \$1,928,000 in STIP TE funds for the project (Caltrans Project No. RP STPL 5057 (038).

On May 29, 2012, Council awarded the construction contract to Redgwick Construction Company for the amount of their Bid (\$1,480,512.50), and a 15% construction contingency for an amount not to exceed \$222,077, for a total spending authority not-to-exceed \$1,702,589 (Resolution No. 65,746–N.S.) Construction will be completed by the fall of 2013 and the City will continue to seek funding for additional construction phases of the Bay Trail Extension.

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