


Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
November 4, 2003

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From:  Phil Kamlarz, Acting City Manager

Subject: Grants: Measure B Bicycle and Pedestrian Countywide Discretionary Fund
Cycle 1: 2003/2004

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit applications to the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) for available grant funding through the Measure B Bicycle and Pedestrian Countywide Discretionary Fund, Cycle 1: 2003/2004; and authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute related grant agreements and any amendments, and accept these grant funds, if awarded.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Both the Parks Recreation & Waterfront (PRW) and the Office of Transportation are submitting ACTIA grant applications. PRW is focusing its grant application on extension of the Bay Trail at the Berkeley Marina, and the Office of Transportation is developing a \$325,000 grant proposal for the completion of the citywide Bicycle Boulevard network.

If awarded, the grant funding through the ACTIA Measure B Bicycle and Pedestrian Countywide Discretionary Fund Cycle 1: 2003/2004 would go toward the projects listed below:

1. Construction phase of the Bay Trail Extension to the Marina project. The PRW department is anticipating a request of \$100,000 to \$200,000.
2. Installation of new traffic signals for Hillegass at Ashby at \$175,000, and Ninth and Center Streets at \$150,000.

This grant program does not require matching funds. Fund 392 has been established for tracking Measure B Pedestrian and Bicycle funds. These grant funds, if awarded, would need to be appropriated in the FY2004 revenue and expenditure budgets upon execution of grant contracts with the County.

In combining the grant proposals from the Parks Recreation and Waterfront Department and the Office of Transportation, the City will be requesting a total of \$425,000 - \$525,000 in funds from the ACTIA grant.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

This is the first cycle of this Measure B funding as administered by ACTIA. The amount of total funding in this cycle is \$1.5 million, with the minimum grant request set at \$10,000 and the maximum request set at \$600,000. Any public agency may apply and all projects must be in Alameda County – with preference for projects with countywide significance. Eligible bicycle and pedestrian projects include all phases of capital projects.

The Bay Trail Extension to the Marina project is an excellent candidate for this grant program and meets all of the necessary criteria. The traffic signal projects are priority projects within the Alameda County Bicycle Plan that will improve both pedestrian and bicycle safety at the two intersections. Again, these are also excellent candidates for the grant program. Both departments are coordinating their grant requests.

In order to submit a grant request, the application criteria require the Council of the City of Berkeley to certify by resolution the approval to submit applications for the Measure B Bicycle and Pedestrian Countywide Discretionary Fund.

BACKGROUND

In 2000, Alameda County voters approved Measure B, a half-cent transportation sales tax, to finance a multitude of projects to improve the County's transportation system. Collection of these funds began in April 2002 and will continue through March 2022. Five percent (5%) of the net revenue collected is dedicated to bicycle and pedestrian projects. Both competitive and non-competitive funds are available through this dedication portion of the Measure B funds.


RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Action is required in order for the City of Berkeley to proceed with the grant program application process. The grant application, with accompanying Council resolution, is due November 7, 2003.

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RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY (ACTIA) FOR AVAILABLE GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE MEASURE B BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COUNTYWIDE DISCRETIONARY FUND CYCLE 1: 2003/2004 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE RELATED GRANT AGREEMENTS AND ANY AMENDMENTS, AND ACCEPT THESE GRANT FUNDS, IF AWARDED.

WHEREAS, in 2000, the voters of the Alameda County passed Measure B, authorizing a half-cent transportation sales tax to finance projects to improve the County's transportation system; and

WHEREAS, a portion of Measure B funds has been identified for a Bicycle and Pedestrian Countywide Discretionary Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) has been delegated the responsibility for administering the Measure B Bicycle and Pedestrian Countywide Discretionary Fund grant program and setting up necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority require the Council of the City of Berkeley to certify by resolution the approval to submit applications for the Measure B Bicycle and Pedestrian Countywide Discretionary Fund; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the City of Berkeley will enter into a contract with the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley would apply these funds as awarded by ACTIA to 1) the construction phase of the Bay Trail Extension project, 2) the installation of a new traffic signal for Hillegass at Ashby, and/or, 3) the installation of a new traffic signals for Ninth and Cedar Streets.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to submit an Application for Measure B Bicycle and Pedestrian Countywide Discretionary Funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Berkeley certifies that it has reviewed, understands and agrees to the Program Guidelines, adopted May 22, 2003.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Berkeley has or will have sufficient funds to construct and to maintain the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to accept the grant, to submit applications and related documents, execute revenue agreements and any amendments (CMS #WMBNA), submit payment requests, and to appropriate funding for related expenditures, subject to securing the grants. A record signature copy of said grant agreements to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.