



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
November 25, 2003

To: Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

From: *PK* Phil Kamlarz, Acting City Manager

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

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution ratifying the City Manager's submission of an application 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

The Office of Transportation developed a \$120,000 grant proposal for a citywide Pedestrian Plan.

If awarded, the grant funding through the ACTIA Measure B Bicycle and Pedestrian Countywide Discretionary Fund Cycle 1: 2003/2004 would go towards the Pedestrian Plan. The City has also applied for three other projects, which were approved by Council on November 4, 2003.

This grant program does not require matching funds. However, the City is a recipient of additional funds from the Transportation Development Act, Article 3, in the amount of \$31,033 specifically for a Pedestrian Plan.

Fund 392 has been established for tracking Measure B Pedestrian and Bicycle funds. If awarded, funds would need to be appropriated in the FY2004 revenue and expenditure budgets upon execution of grant contracts with the County.

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 as well as bike and pedestrian planning development.

The Pedestrian Plan is an excellent candidate for this grant program and meets all of the necessary criteria.

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 was required in order for the City of Berkeley to proceed with the grant program application process. The grant application, with accompanying Council resolution, was due November 7, 2003. Thus, staff submitted the application by the due date and is now seeking Council ratification of this action.

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RESOLUTION NO.     -N.S.

RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S TO SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION 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 submission of 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 a Pedestrian Plan for the City of Berkeley; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that it ratifies the submission by the City Manager of an Application for Measure B Bicycle and Pedestrian Countywide Discretionary Funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to accept the grant, execute the revenue agreements and any amendments (CMS #JFU2V), submit payment requests, and to appropriate funding for related expenditures, subject to securing the grant. A record signature copy of said grant agreements to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.