



Office of the Mayor

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CONSENT CALENDAR
November 15, 2005

To: Members of the City Council

From: Mayor Tom Bates
Councilmember Max Anderson
Councilmember Kriss Worthington

Subject: Ed Roberts Campus Transportation for Livable Communities Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (CMA) Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) Capital Program, Fiscal Years 2006-09 for funds in the amount up to \$3,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2006-07 for transportation enhancements related to the Ed Roberts Campus at the Ashby BART Station; and accept the grant, and execute any resultant agreements and amendments.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION:

The City, on behalf of the Ed Roberts Campus, is requesting up to \$3,000,000 in TLC capital grant funds to support the construction of significant transportation enhancements which will improve the safety and access of pedestrians, bicyclists, wheelchair users and other individuals with impairments that limit mobility at the Ashby BART Station.

The grant program does not require any matching funds from the City of Berkeley. The Ed Roberts Campus (ERC) is listed in the Regional 2030 Transportation Plan as a Tier 1 project for \$5.2 million, and these TLC funds would count towards that commitment. The TLC Program funds transportation infrastructure improvements to pedestrian, bicycle and transit facilities. The ERC is the only Berkeley project listed in the plan that is eligible for the TLC grant.

BACKGROUND

The Ed Roberts Campus project has been designed to improve safety and access to the Ashby BART Station and contiguous streets for pedestrians, bicyclists and people with disabilities. It will provide universal access for large numbers of people with disabilities and is expected to significantly increase ridership at the Ashby BART Station with increased interconnectivity to AC Transit, paratransit, etc. Bicycle access to the station will be encouraged with improved signage and secure bike parking.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

If awarded, this grant would provide funds for the construction of significant bicycle and pedestrian improvements including a universally designed bus shelter and information kiosk for bus riders on the east side of Adeline Street; a new ramp, staircase, and multi-use pathway from Tremont Street to Adeline Street through the BART parking lot which will have new pedestrian-scale lighting and landscaping designed to improve public safety; a new crosswalk on Adeline Street with in-pavement lights, bollards, and median refuge; and a new public elevator and staircase with bike channels from Adeline Street to the BART station entrance below.

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RESOLUTION NO. N.S.

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ALAMEDA COUNTY CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY (ACCMA) TRANSPORTATION FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES (TLC) CAPITAL PROGRAM, FISCAL YEARS 2006-09 FOR FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT UP TO \$3,000,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2006-07 FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS RELATED TO THE ED ROBERTS CAMPUS AT THE ASHBY BART STATION; AND ACCEPT THE GRANT, AND EXECUTE ANY RESULTANT AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley supports the development of the Ed Roberts Campus (ERC), a center dedicated to opportunity and equality for people with disabilities that will provide numerous programs and services for people with disabilities under one roof, easily accessible by public transportation; and

WHEREAS, the ERC is a nationally recognized transit oriented development to be located at the Ashby BART Station in south Berkeley, an intermodal station that connects riders to AC Transit fixed route bus service, paratransit, taxis, trains, and the Oakland and San Francisco International airports; and

WHEREAS, the City, on behalf of the ERC, is requesting up to \$3,000,000 in TLC capital grant funds to support the construction of significant transportation enhancements which will improve the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists wheelchair users and other individuals with impairments that limit mobility at the Ashby BART Station; and

WHEREAS, the ERC is listed for Tier 1 funding in the Regional 2030 Transportation Plan in the amount of \$5.2 million, and the TLC grant would count toward realizing that funding commitment; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, this grant would provide funds for the construction of significant bicycle and pedestrian improvements including a universally designed bus shelter and information kiosk for transit users on the east side of Adeline Street; a new ramp, staircase, and multi-use pathway from Tremont Street to Adeline Street through the BART parking lot which will have new pedestrian-scale lighting and landscaping designed to improve public safety; a new crosswalk on Adeline Street with in-pavement lights, bollards, and median refuge; and a new public elevator and staircase with bike channels from Adeline Street to the BART station entrance below; and

WHEREAS, there is no matching requirement for this TLC grant program, and the ERC is the only Berkeley project listed in the plan that is eligible for the TLC grant; and

WHEREAS, the City's Office of Transportation has participated in the project planning.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Berkeley authorizes the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (CMA) Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) Capital Program, Fiscal Years 2006-09 for funds in the amount of \$3,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2006-07 for transportation enhancements related to the Ed Roberts Campus at the Ashby BART Station; and accept the grant, and execute any resultant agreements and amendments.