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metro.net**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 15, 2006****SUBJECT: TWO NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROJECTS****ACTION: ADOPT RESOLUTIONS ACCEPTING TWO CALTRANS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANTS****RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the acceptance of two transportation planning grants from CALTRANS and adopt grant-specific resolutions (Attachments A and B) for the following:

- A. "Making the Connection: A Pedestrian and Bicycle Linkages Plan for Two Low-Income Latino and Asian Communities Adjacent to Gold Line Stations" in the amount of \$200,000; and
- B. "Non-Motorized Access Plans at (6) Transit Hubs in Metropolitan Los Angeles" in the amount of \$87,877.

ISSUE

Metro was awarded two CALTRANS Transportation Planning Grants in the FY 2006-2007 funding cycle totaling \$287,877. In order to receive these funds, CALTRANS requires the adoption of two resolutions by the Metro Board authorizing Metro to enter into Agreements with CALTRANS.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The goals in Metro's 2003 Short Range Transportation Plan and Metro's 2006 Bicycle Transportation Strategic Plan encourage alternatives to driving alone, reducing traffic congestion, encouraging pedestrian travel and encouraging bicycle transportation. The grant funding enables Metro to prepare conceptual plans, with our grant partners, which is the first step in project implementation. The host cities will be able to use the plans for seeking project funding.

OPTIONS

Metro could choose not to accept these funds or conduct these studies. This option does not further Metro's stated goals.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Sufficient expenditures are included in the FY07 budget in cost center 4350 Westside Planning and 4320 Central Area Planning in project #405511 Transit Planning. The budgeted funding for the non local match expenditures will be replaced with these new grant funds. The Chief Planning Officer and cost center managers for 4350 and 4320 will be responsible for budgeting expenditures in future years.

BACKGROUND

Metro was awarded two CALTRANS Transportation Planning Grants in the FY 2006-2007 funding cycle totaling \$287,877. Metro will contribute a match of 20% (\$71,969). Half of the match can be in-kind services, such as technical support and report printing for the project. In order to receive these funds, CALTRANS requires the adoption of two resolutions by the Metro Board authorizing Metro to enter into Agreements with CALTRANS.

This year, CALTRANS is requiring grant-specific resolutions from each governing body before they will execute a Fund Transfer Agreement/Contract with Metro.

A summary of each project receiving grant funds is as follows:

1. "Making the Connections – A Pedestrian and Bicycle Linkages Plan for Two Low-Income Latino and Asian Communities Adjacent to Gold Line Stations": Metro and Livable Places, a non-profit community organization, will examine existing infrastructure and provide recommendations to improve bicycle and pedestrian access at the Chinatown and Ave. 26 (Lincoln Heights) Gold Line Stations. The planning area includes regional parks, open space, housing developments, shopping districts, and other destinations in the project area.
2. "Non-Motorized Access Plans at Transit Hubs in Metropolitan Los Angeles": Metro and the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition (LACBC), a non-profit community organization, will develop six (6) bike-transit hub access plans around low-income stations with high transit use. The six stations are Compton, Florence, Vernon, Imperial/Wilmington, Newhall, and Van Nuys. The project team will conduct bike and pedestrian audits, stakeholder meetings and on-site interviews. Each Plan can be used by the host city in identifying obstacles, planning improvements, and seeking funds for access improvements around the hubs.

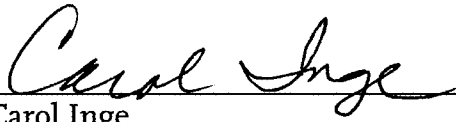
NEXT STEPS

Metro will execute the necessary Fund Transfer Agreements provided by CALTRANS for each grant. Metro will execute contracts with Livable Places and LACBC to complete the work. The projects will be completed by mid-2008

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Resolution for Making the Connections: A Pedestrian and Bicycle Linkages Plan for Two Low-Income Latino and Asian Communities Adjacent to Gold Line Stations.
- B. Resolution for Non-Motorized Access Plans at (6) Transit Hubs in Metropolitan Los Angeles.

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RESOLUTION ADOPTING CALTRANS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) and Livable Places, jointly applied and were awarded a grant in the amount of \$200,000 from the California Department of Transportation to complete a Community Based Transportation Planning study in FY 2006-2007 (the "Study"), for "Making the Connections – A Pedestrian and Bicycle Linkages Plan for Two Low-Income Latino and Asian Communities Adjacent to Gold Line Stations"; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the grant of funds, the California Department of Transportation imposes certain obligations upon the LACMTA, including but not limited to provisions that indemnify and hold harmless said funding party on LACMTA activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority that in connection with the Study the Chief Executive Officer or the Chief Executive Officer's Designee is authorized to:

1. Accept the grant in the amount of \$200,000 by executing a Fund Transfer Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, subject to legal counsel review and approval,
2. Execute all documents, including agreements, contracts, sub-contracts, extensions, renewals, and/or amendments required by LACMTA, which may be necessary to carry out the Study with Livable Places and administer all obligations, responsibilities and duties under this grant upon receipt of a fully executed Fund Transfer Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding.
3. Provide \$50,000 local match in the form of staff time, printing and publication costs or other in-kind contributions.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting as the Board Secretary of the LACMTA, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Directions of the LACMTA held on _____.

MICHELE JACKSON
Board Secretary

DATED: _____



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RESOLUTION ADOPTING CALTRANS
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WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) and the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition (LACBC), jointly applied and were awarded a grant in the amount of \$87,877 from the California Department of Transportation to complete an Environmental Justice: Context-Sensitive Planning study in FY 2006-2007 (the "Study"), for "Non-Motorized Access Plans at (6) Transit Hubs in Metropolitan Los Angeles"; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the grant of funds, the California Department of Transportation imposes certain obligations upon the LACMTA, including but not limited to provisions that indemnify and hold harmless said funding party on LACMTA activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, that in connection with the Study, the Chief Executive Officer or the Chief Executive Officer's Designee is authorized to:

1. Accept the grant in the amount of \$87,877 by executing a Fund Transfer Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, subject to legal counsel review and approval,
2. Execute all documents, including agreements, contracts, sub-contracts, extensions, renewals, and/or amendments required by LACMTA, which may be necessary to carry out the Study with the LACBC and administer all obligations, responsibilities and duties under this grant upon receipt of a fully executed Fund Transfer Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding.
3. Provide \$21,969 local match in the form of staff time, printing and publication costs or other in-kind contributions.

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The undersigned, duly qualified and acting as the Board Secretary of the LACMTA, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Directions of the LACMTA held on _____.

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