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**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 18, 2009**

**SUBJECT: FY 2009-2010 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMUNITY-BASED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT**

**ACTION: AUTHORIZE GRANT APPLICATION AND RELATED ACTIONS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

- A. Approve application for up to \$375,000 in grant funds available (upon acceptance) from fiscal year (FY) 2009-10 State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Community-Based Planning Grant (CBPG) funds (Attachment A).
- B. Adopt the required FY 2009 resolution, as shown in Attachment B, authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute any documents and take any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining grant funds.

**ISSUE**

In November 2008, the State of California announced the availability of FY 2009-10 funds from the Community-Based Planning Grant (CBPG) program to use, upon acceptance, on eligible transportation related planning projects. As part of the CBPG, we must apply for up to \$375,000 (including 20% local match) by March 2009.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Approving our recommendation for application of up to \$375,000 in available State funds, and upon acceptance, the related budget programming, will help to explore a full range of innovative solutions to the challenges posed by priorities that the Board of Directors have established through the Long Range Transportation Plan for Los Angeles County.

**OPTIONS**

The Board of Directors may choose not to authorize application or programming the funds or approve the related actions that we have recommended. We do not recommend this option because without Board approval we will be unable to access up to \$375,000 in State funds for the application.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Approving the process of application and upon acceptance, the related contractual and other actions as recommended will allow us to include the available state funding in the appropriate fiscal year budgets to complete the application. No funding or budget programming is needed for FY09. The funding and related budget programming needed for grant implementation will be included in the FY10 budget in Cost Center 2210. Application submittal is contingent upon securing local match agreement(s). The Chief, Real Property Management and Development will be responsible for budgeting in FY10 and future years as needed for grant implementation.

## **BACKGROUND**

State CBPG funding made available statewide to local transit agencies based on the eligibility criteria as set forth in Attachment A. The subject of this application is to explore a proposal for a freeway cap park spanning U.S. 101 in downtown Los Angeles near Union Station. The grant would support the advance planning, outreach and technical analysis needed to assess the feasibility of this proposal. Potential benefits include: increased ridership as a result of enhanced access to multimodal transit facilities at Union Station, together with improved pedestrian mobility in the vicinity; congestion relief resulting from related infrastructure enhancements; re-establishment of important linkages between communities now split by freeways and previously by rail facilities; and long-term economic growth associated with transit-oriented development.

## **NEXT STEPS**

With Board approval of our recommended application, programming and related actions, we will submit the necessary grant application documents to the appropriate federal and state awarding agencies and secure the up to \$375,000 in grant funds available. We also will work to ensure timely implementation of the project in accordance with our policies and procedures and monitor grant compliance activities.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

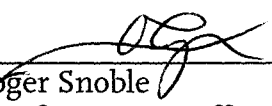
- A. FY 2009-10 Caltrans Grant Summary
- B. FY 2009 Governing Body Resolution

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Attachment A

California Department of Transportation  
Grant Summary Chart  
Fiscal Year 2009-2010

GRANT	FUND SOURCE	PURPOSE	WHO MAY APPLY	LOCAL MATCH
Community-Based Transportation Planning	State Highway Account Budget \$3 million Grant Cap \$300,000	Fund coordinated and transportation and land use planning that promotes public engagement, livable communities, and a sustainable transportation system which includes mobility, access, and safety.	<p>The following may apply directly or as a sub-recipient:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies</li> <li>• Cities and Counties</li> <li>• Transit Agencies</li> <li>• Native American Tribal Governments</li> </ul> <p>The following may apply only as a sub-recipient:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Universities and Community Colleges</li> <li>• Community-Based Organizations</li> <li>• Non-Profit Organizations (501.C.3)</li> <li>• Public Entities</li> </ul>	20% of the grant amount requested (in non-State and non-federal funds). Up to half of the 20% match can be in-kind.

Attachment B

Governing Body Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA) that the Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the LACMTA, a public entity established under the laws of the State of California, any documents and to take any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance provided by the California Department of Transportation under the fiscal year 2009-2010 Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant Program for the project(s) described in Board Report dated February 18, 2009.

Passed and approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

*Certification*

I, Michele Jackson, duly appointed and Board Secretary of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed and approved by the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

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MICHELE JACKSON  
Board Secretary

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