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TO:

Office of the City/Agency Administrator

ATTN:

Dan Lindheim

FROM:

Community and Economic Development Agency

DATE:

December 8, 2009

RE:

Supplemental Report Regarding Four City and Agency Resolutions on the 7th Street Streetscape Improvements In The West Oakland Transit Village Project

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SUMMARY

On December 1, 2009, staff presented to the Public Works Committee four City and Agency resolutions regarding the 7th Street Streetscape improvements in the West Oakland Transit Village Project area. The Public Works Committee directed staff to return on January 12, 2010 with a separate report addressing questions about the installation of bicycle racks for this project. The Committee also asked staff to return at a later date with a report on the City's policies regarding bicycle parking.

After the committee meeting, staff prepared information on these two items, and is presenting this supplemental report in response to those requests.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project includes 13 bicycle racks accommodating 26 bicycles. During the project's design phase, the design team worked closely with staff in the Transportation Services Division's Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Program to ensure that new racks were located to serve businesses along the corridor. These new racks will augment eight existing racks (accommodating 28 bicycles) that currently serve the businesses on 7th Street. The racks are located throughout the project area, on 7th Street between Peralta Street and Union Street. Additionally, the West Oakland BART station has bicycle parking for 84 bicycles at racks and for 14 bicycles at lockers. These bicycle parking spaces are located on BART property and, because of their proximity to the BART station entrance, provide preferred parking for BART patrons. Staff will contact BART to discuss opportunities for additional bicycle racks and/or cages at the West Oakland BART station.

POLICY DESCRIPTION

The City of Oakland's 2007 Bicycle Master Plan (BMP) includes policies promoting installation of bicycle parking. Specifically, the Master Plan (pp. 56-57) includes the following policies:

BMP Policy 1C – Safe Routes to Transit: Improve bicycle access to transit, bicycle

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parking at transit facilities, and bicycle access on transit vehicles.

Action 1C.2 – Bicycle Parking at Transportation Hubs: Work with partner agencies to provide secure bicycle parking at transportation hubs that accommodates demand with bicycle racks, bicycle lockers, bicycle cages, and/or bicycle stations.

BMP Policy 1D – Parking and Support Facilities: Promote secure and conveniently located bicycle parking at destinations throughout Oakland.

Action 1D.1 – City Racks Program: Continue Oakland's program of installing bicycle racks in the public right-of-way based on requests by residents and merchants.

These policies are implemented through three mechanisms: First, bicycle racks are included as a matter of course in the City's streetscape projects and other capital improvements. Second, the City Racks Bicycle Parking Program installs bicycle racks in the public right-of-way in response to public requests. And third, the City's bicycle parking ordinance requires most types of new development and major renovations to include bicycle parking.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff requests that the City Council accept this supplemental report.

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