

CITY OF OAKLAND
AGENDA REPORT

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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Daniel Lindheim
FROM: Public Works Agency
DATE: July 20, 2010

RE: **Resolution Authorizing A Grant Application To The California Strategic Growth Council For Up To One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) For The Sustainable Communities Planning Grant And Incentives Program Under The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality And Supply, Flood Control, River And Coastal Protection Bond Act Of 2006 (Proposition 84) To Be Used To Prepare A Comprehensive Transportation Policy Plan To Meet The City's Sustainable Community And Energy And Climate Action Plan Goals.**

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the City Council approve a Resolution authorizing an application to the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) competitive Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program to secure funding to prepare a Comprehensive Transportation Policy Plan for Oakland.

The SGC has issued a competitive grants opportunity intended to support the development and implementation of effective and/or innovative local plans that support the State's Assembly Bill (AB) 32 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets and implement Senate Bill (SB) 375, while creating sustainable communities. Eligible proposals include implementation instruments and plans to reduce GHG emissions.

Development of a Comprehensive Transportation Policy Plan (CTPP) for Oakland has been identified as a high priority action in need of resources in the City's draft Energy and Climate Action Plan. Development of a CTPP has significant potential to result in reduced GHG emissions and a number of sustainable community benefits aligned with the City's goals and requirements of this competitive grants opportunity.

Grant applications under this program are due to SGC on August 31, 2010, and require a resolution approving the application. The City will act as the primary applicant, in collaboration with other partners.

FISCAL IMPACT

This report has no anticipated fiscal impact on the City. Should the City be awarded grant funds, the funds received would be appropriated to the California Department of Conservation Fund (2139), Transportation Planning (30262), and the project to be established later.

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No resources from the General Fund will be required to implement this grant. Grant funds would be used to cover a combination of staff time, consultant support, and other costs to enable the development of a Comprehensive Transportation Policy Plan.

BACKGROUND

On July 5, 2010, the California Strategic Growth Council released a new competitive grants funding opportunity under the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program. The Strategic Growth Council is composed of agency secretaries from the Business Transportation and Housing Agency, California Health and Human Services Agency, California Environmental Protection Agency, the California Natural Resources Agency, the Director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, and a public member, appointed by the Governor.

This grant program is designed to help local governments meet the challenges of adopting land use plans and integrating strategies in order to transform communities and create long term prosperity. The primary goal of this grant program is to develop and implement plans that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve other sustainable community objectives.

Approximately \$60 million in State funds is available for awards, which will be distributed evenly over three cycles beginning in Fiscal Year 2010/11. The SGC plans to provide seventy percent (\$14 million) of the current cycle of funds to city and county governments for local sustainable planning projects. The remaining funds are targeted at metropolitan planning organizations and other partners for regional planning collaborations. It is anticipated that proposals funded under this solicitation will be not less than \$100,000 nor greater than \$1,000,000 each.

Local sustainable planning grants available to city and county governments under this program are intended to support the development and implementation of effective and/or innovative local plans that support the state's AB 32 greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets and implement SB 375, while creating sustainable communities. Eligible proposals include:

- Specific Plans/Infill Plans/Zoning Ordinances
- Climate Action Plans
- Targeted General Plan Updates or Element
- Other implementation instruments and plans needed for successfully meeting AB 32 greenhouse gas emissions reduction and implement SB 375, while improving community-wide sustainability

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KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

The development of a Comprehensive Transportation Policy Plan (CTPP) for Oakland has significant potential to benefit Oakland and is well aligned with the objectives and priorities of this competitive funding opportunity. A CTPP, developed in close collaboration with regional agencies, local service providers, and the community, will result in reduced GHG emissions supporting the State's GHG reduction goals, while generating a number of sustainable community benefits aligned with existing City goals and the objectives of this competitive grant. Development of a CTPP has been identified as a high priority action in need of resources in the City's draft Energy and Climate Action Plan.

The development of a Comprehensive Transportation Policy Plan will create a critical implementation instrument to support the City's progress in reducing GHG emissions. The CTPP would include the following core components:

- Providing a new comprehensive vision of how transportation systems throughout Oakland will be developed to meet the needs of people and business, and addressing all modes of travel while minimizing greenhouse gas emissions and air pollutants associated with the transportation sector;
- Establishing prioritization criteria and process for transportation infrastructure management under the City's control (e.g., Capital Improvement Program) and contributions to regional planning (e.g. Countywide Transportation Plan) in a manner that updates and reinforces the City's existing Land Use and Transportation Element (LUTE), "Transit First" policy, and identification of Priority Development Areas; and,
- Creating a public transit master plan recommending process, program and policy changes designed to significantly increase transit utilization throughout the community, including establishment of transit-oriented land use planning criteria, transit service performance goals and agency implementation responsibilities.

The CTPP will lay a critical foundation for effective transportation planning that not only reduces GHG emissions and other pollutants, but ensures that resources are allocated effectively and efficiently to ensure the best delivery of transportation options and services to all members of the community in a manner that balances and supports multiple sustainable community objectives. This plan will enhance applications for future funding, increase the City's ability to work with external transit agencies on planning and problem solving, and support Oakland's economic development.

Securing grant funding would support the development of a CTPP for Oakland and provide needed resources for City staff and external support. A number of regional agencies and local service providers will need to be involved in the development of the CTPP, including the Association of Bay Area Governments, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, AC Transit,

Bay Area Rapid Transit, Alameda County Public Health Department, and others. Development of a public transit master plan, in particular, will require extensive collaboration with AC Transit.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Staff will develop and submit a proposal to the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program to solicit funding for the development of a Comprehensive Transportation Policy Plan for Oakland.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: If funded by the SGC, this proposal would secure resources for a currently unfunded priority City project. The CTPP would help the City to best prioritize resources for future transportation projects and improve consideration of the potential to generate economic community benefits in planning decisions.

Environmental: If funded by the SGC, this proposal would create environmental benefits through reduced GHG emissions and other local air pollutants throughout Oakland.

Social Equity: If funded by the SGC, this proposal would enable improved consideration of equity issues in planning decisions, including the development of a public transit master plan to support mobility throughout Oakland.

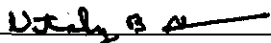
DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

This project does not have direct access impacts on disabled or senior citizens.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a resolution authorizing an application to the California Strategic Growth Council competitive Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program to secure funding to prepare a Comprehensive Transportation Policy Plan for Oakland.

Respectfully submitted,

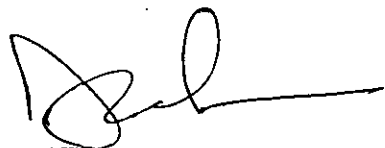


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APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
CITY COUNCIL:



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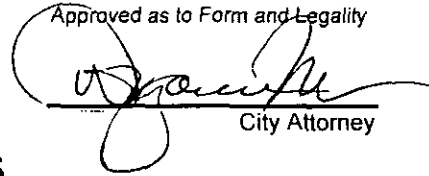
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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Approved as to Form and Legality



City Attorney

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL FOR UP TO ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) FOR THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84) TO BE USED TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION POLICY PLAN TO MEET THE CITY'S SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY AND ENERGY AND CLIMATE ACTION PLAN GOALS

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously approved a number of sustainable community goals, including goals for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions;

WHEREAS, the program shown above has issued a competitive grants opportunity intended to support the development and implementation of effective and/or innovative local plans that support the state's AB 32 GHG emissions reduction targets and implement SB 375, while creating sustainable communities; and

WHEREAS, development of a Comprehensive Transportation Policy Plan for Oakland has been identified as a high priority action in need of resources in the City's draft Energy and Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, development of a Comprehensive Transportation Policy Plan for Oakland has significant potential to result in reduced GHG emissions and a number of sustainable community benefits aligned with the City's goals and requirements of this competitive grant opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Growth Council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Strategic Growth Council require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicant's governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the development of the proposal; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council approves the filing of a Sustainable Communities Planning Grant proposal to meet the City's sustainable community and energy and climate action plan goals; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City certifies that it understands the assurances and certification in the application; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Proposal will comply with any applicable laws and regulations; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or a designee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name of the City of Oakland any and all documents required including but not limited to, applications, agreements, annual reports including expenditure reports, and any subsequent amendments to or extensions of said documents, to secure grant funds and implement approved projects; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or a designee is hereby authorized to receive and appropriate Sustainable Communities Grant funds to the California Department of Conservation Fund (2139), Transportation Planning (30262), and the project to be established later and to expend the funds on sustainable community and climate action plan goals; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution shall be filed with the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT BRUNNER

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

- ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California