

CITY OF OAKLAND

AGENDA REPORT

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
CITY OF OAKLAND

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To: Office of the City Administrator
Attn: Deborah Edgerly
From: Police Department
Date: December 13, 2005

A Report and Proposed Resolution authorizing the City Administrator to Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds in an Amount Not to Exceed Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety, to the Police Department for the Development and Implementation of a Regional Illegal Street Racing Task Force Focused on Increased Traffic Enforcement Operations Targeted at Preventing Reckless Driving and Exhibitions of Speed Commonly Referred to as Sideshows

SUMMARY

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the City Administrator, on behalf of the City of Oakland, to accept and appropriate grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety, to the Police Department for the development and implementation of a regional Illegal Street Racing Task Force focused on increased efforts to curb reckless driving, exhibitions of speed, unlicensed driving, and driving under the influence (DUI) commonly referred to as Sideshows. The proposed program period is November 1, 2005 through September 30, 2007.

FISCAL IMPACT

It is anticipated that the Department will receive State of California grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for the development and implementation of a regional Illegal Street Racing Task Force. Revenues and appropriations will be allocated in the State of California Grant Fund: 2999, Traffic Division Org.: 105640, Traffic Enforcement Program: PS14, in a Project to be determined. The program will be managed by the Traffic Operations Section Commander. There is no matching fund requirement. Expense allocations are as follows:

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Description and Use of Funds	Amount
One Police Officer (Regular Salary for one (1) Current Police Officer from 11/1/05 to 9/30/07)	159,119
Fringe Benefits (\$159,119 x 64.92%)	103,300
Police Officer Overtime (For Task Force Enforcement Operations and Training of Multiple Officers)	41,000
Subtotal:	303,419
Central Services Overhead (\$303,419 x 15%)	45,512
Travel and Training	6,000
Allied Agency Overtime for Task Force Enforcement/Training Operations and Travel	30,000
Surveillance and Computer Equipment	12,000
Office Supplies and Educational Materials	3,069
Total:	\$400,000

Based on a 17.77% calculation rate, Central Services Overhead (CSO) associated with the \$303,419 for salaries, wages, and benefits equals \$53,917. However, the granting agency will approve CSO charges in an amount not to exceed 15% (\$45,512). The Department will expense the remaining \$8,405 in CSO charges to the administering Division's general operating budget.

BACKGROUND

Since 1988, certain Oakland neighborhoods have been plagued by late-night cruising activities broadly referred to as the "Sideshow". Over the past few years the number of Sideshow participants has significantly decreased, however, reckless driving and exhibitions of speed that

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typify these events continue on a more random basis. Though these incidents do not have the large crowds of spectators, nor occupy locations for extended periods of time, they continue to generate complaints to the Police Department.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

Illegal street racing and Sideshows are not just an annoyance to the public, it exposes the public, spectators, and racers themselves to extreme hazards. Deaths and injuries due to illegal street racing are a serious problem in all major California cities, with an estimated 100 traffic fatalities annually attributed to illegal street racing.

Attempts to Solve the Problem

The State of California, Office of Traffic Safety, currently funds various traffic enforcement projects which address illegal street racing and the Sideshow. However, a limited number of these State-funded projects provide police departments with the special training needed to identify illegally modified vehicles and properly address Sideshows and street racing. Without a large-scale regional approach to these problems, illegal racing and Sideshows will continue to move from city to city. Further, there are currently no “train the trainer” programs available for law enforcement personnel to readily address the public safety issues associated with illegal street racing.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Oakland Police Department (OPD) will serve as the lead agency for grant administration and project coordination of a regional Illegal Street Racing Task Force. The Task Force will consist of representatives from the OPD, the California Highway Patrol, and other regional law enforcement agencies. Task Force agencies will conduct large-scale enforcement operations targeting violations for illegal street racing, Sideshow, and vehicles operating with modified emissions systems.

Task Force personnel will conduct surveillance before, during, and after enforcement actions to identify street racing participants, establish patterns of activity, assess criminal activity, and identify major violators. Additionally, a comprehensive training program will be established to provide partnering jurisdictions with assistance in integrating and institutionalizing the expertise necessary to identify illegally modified vehicles into their department’s daily patrol duties.

Additional program objectives include:

- Identify locations throughout the region where street racing is prevalent

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- Gain commitment from law enforcement executives throughout the region to participate in the Task Force and emphasize illegal street racing enforcement during regular patrols
- Encourage law enforcement agencies throughout the region to allocate additional traffic control units, participate in specialized traffic operation teams, and conduct street racing enforcement; including illegal vehicle modification inspections throughout the grant term
- Collect data relating to speed contests as an associated factor in reportable fatal and injury collisions as part of the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS) data.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic

Reckless driving, exhibitions of speed, unlicensed operation, DUI, and other problems associated with the Sideshow and street racing negatively impact property value and business opportunities.

Environmental

The toxic fumes produced by vehicles during Sideshows and street racing are a health hazard. Abating the problem will result in an improvement in air quality.

Social Equity

One third of Sideshow participants are not Oakland residents. Enforcement activity directed at these individuals is costly to Oakland taxpayers and a drain on the City's resources.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

There are no ADA or senior citizen access issues contained in this report.

RECOMMENDATION

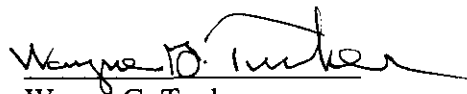
The Oakland Police Department recommends that the City Council authorize the City Administrator to accept grant funds in the amount of \$400,000 from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety, and appropriate said funds to the Police Department.

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ACTION REQUESTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

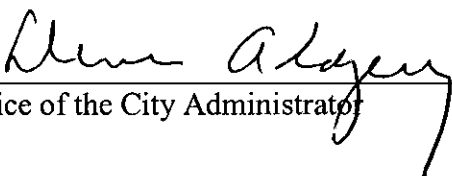
Staff requests that the City Council adopt the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,


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Chief of Police

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Bureau of Administration

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO
THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:


Office of the City Administrator

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
CITY ATTORNEY
OAKLAND

RESOLUTION No. _____

C.M.S.

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Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000) FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY, TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A REGIONAL ILLEGAL STREET RACING TASK FORCE FOCUSED ON INCREASED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS TARGETED AT PREVENTING RECKLESS DRIVING AND EXHIBITIONS OF SPEED COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS SIDESHOWS

WHEREAS, the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety has advised that the City of Oakland has been awarded a grant in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to support the Oakland Police Department's development and implementation of a regional Illegal Street Racing Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Illegal Street Racing Task Force is geared toward offsetting the incidents of reckless driving and exhibitions of speed commonly referred to as Sideshows perpetrated by unlicensed and impaired drivers that plague the City of Oakland and the greater San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the Illegal Street Racing Task Force will be a collaborative effort between the Oakland Police Department, the California Highway Patrol, other regional law enforcement agencies, and the State of California; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to support the Police Department's efforts to enhance the services of the Department's traffic safety program; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That said grant shall be maintained in the State of California Grant Fund: 2999; Traffic Division Org.: 105640; Traffic Enforcement Program Code: PS14; in a Project Account to be determined; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council does hereby authorize the City Administrator or her designee to accept and appropriate up to \$400,000 from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety, to the Oakland Police Department, and to complete all required negotiations, certifications, assurances, and documentation required to accept, modify, extend and/or amend the grant.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California