

**CITY OF OAKLAND  
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

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TO: Office of the City Manager  
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly, City Manager  
FROM: Public Works Agency  
DATE: March 9, 2004

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**RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$246,176 AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO INSTALL A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND FRANKLIN STREET AND FOR OTHER PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CHINATOWN AREA**

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**SUMMARY**

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the City Manager to execute a funding agreement with the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Housing Policy Development, for the Job-Housing Balance Incentive Grant Program (JHBP) in the amount of \$246,176.00, and direct the City Manager to appropriate said funds for pedestrian traffic safety in the Chinatown area.

The grant conditions require a standard agreement between the State and the City, stating projects, performance deadlines, scope of work, and reporting requirements. The deadline for the grant completion is June 2006. The grant is proposed to fund the installation of a new traffic signal at 7<sup>th</sup> and Franklin, and other improvements in the Chinatown area, which will improve pedestrian safety.

The proposed traffic signal project is consistent with the following Mayor and City Council goals and citywide objectives 3A and 6C.

**Improve Oakland's Neighborhoods** by improving traffic/bike/pedestrian safety.

**Maintain and Enhance Oakland's Physical Assets** by providing for clean, well-maintained and accessible streets and sidewalks.

Funds in the amount of \$246,176.00 will be available from the JHBP grant.

Staff recommends the approval of the resolution.

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## **FISCAL IMPACTS**

The Community and Economic Development Agency received a grant of \$246,176.00 through JHBP for the purpose of pedestrian safety improvement in the Chinatown area. No City matching funds are required for the implementation of this grant.

This grant will be funded on a reimbursement basis; invoicing will take place upon completion of construction, which is anticipated to be early in Fall 2004.

## **BACKGROUND**

In June 2003, the Community and Economic Development Agency (CEDA) secured a grant of \$246,176.00 through the Job-Housing Balance Incentive Grant Program (JHBP) for the purpose of pedestrian safety improvement in the Chinatown area. The grant application focused on the Chinatown area to mitigate the negative impact of the projected increase of through vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the Chinatown area. The projected traffic increase was based on the large number of City permits issued in 2001 for housing units in the Downtown area adjacent to Chinatown. The increased housing units will result in projected higher through traffic that may have negative impact on pedestrians within the Chinatown area.

The JHBP projects implementation requires a standard agreement between the State and the City, stating performance deadlines and scope of work. The deadline for completion of the projects is June 2006.

## **KEY ISSUES AND IMPACT**

The Public Works Agency (PWA) is currently implementing the Citywide Capital Improvement Program for pedestrian safety at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Franklin Street. The unsignalized intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Franklin Street in the Chinatown area was observed to have a high level of pedestrian accidents, and safety improvements would be consistent with the objective of the JHBP grant program. Public Works has scheduled the intersection for signalization under the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 2003-2004 to improve pedestrian safety. A traffic signal has been designed for the intersection of 7th Street and Franklin Street under Measure-B project no. C222210.

Staff proposes to use part of the JHBP \$246,176.00 grant for the construction of the proposed traffic signal at the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Franklin Street. The balance of the grant funds would be used to implement projects that will be identified through the Environmental Justice grant study that is currently in progress in the Chinatown area. The Environmental Justice grant is awarded by Caltrans to fund community based studies to address serious traffic circulation deficiencies.

## **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

Economic: The improvements will have a positive impact on the local economy by increasing automobile and pedestrian safety and reducing the associated cost of injury and property damage.

Environmental: The improvements will aid in making walking a more attractive mode of transportation, thereby reducing automobile usage and vehicular emissions.

Social Equity: The improvements will enhance overall living conditions by providing greater accessibility and safety to pedestrians. Senior citizens, persons with disabilities and children will greatly benefit from the improvements.

## **DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS**

The project will include accessibility improvements such as tactile pedestrian push buttons with audible units and wheelchair ramps with detectable warning domes, which will assist senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

## **RECOMMENDATION AND RATIONALE**

Staff recommends that the Council approve the resolution authorizing the agreement with the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Housing Policy Development, to accept state funds for the Job Housing Balance Incentive Grant Program (JHBP) contract No. 03-JHBP-051 in the amount of \$246,176.00.

Further, staff recommends that the Council direct the City Manager to appropriate funds for the construction of the traffic signal at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Franklin Street with part of the JHBP grant of \$246,176.00, and use the remainder of the JHBP grant for the implementation of the pedestrian safety improvements that will be identified through the Environmental Justice grant in the Chinatown area.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

  
for **RAUL GODINEZ II, P.E.**

Director, Public Works Agency

Reviewed by:

Wladimir Wlassowsky, P.E.

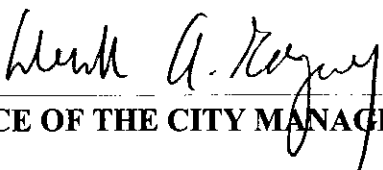
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Prepared by:

Ade Oluwasogo, P.E.

Supervising Transportation Engineer

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE  
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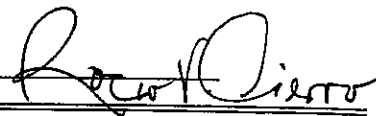
# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK  
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Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

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INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER \_\_\_\_\_



**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$246,176 AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO INSTALL A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND FRANKLIN STREET AND FOR OTHER PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CHINATOWN AREA**

**WHEREAS**, in June 2003, the Community and Economic Development Agency received a grant of \$246,176 through Job Housing Balance Incentive Grant Program (JHBP) for the purpose of pedestrian safety improvement in Chinatown area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Job Housing Balance Incentive Grant Program requires a funding agreement between the State and the City.

**WHEREAS**, a traffic signal has been designed for the intersection of 7th Street and Franklin Street under Measure-B CIP NO. C222210, for the main purpose of pedestrian safety; and

**WHEREAS**, other pedestrian safety improvements will be identified for future implementation through the Environmental Justice grant study in the Chinatown area; and

**WHEREAS**, No City matching funds are required for the implementation of this grant; now, therefore, be it.

**RESOLVED:** That the City Manager, or her designee, is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development, for the Job Housing Balance Incentive Grant Program (JHBP) in the amount of \$246,176; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Manager, or her designee, is hereby directed to appropriate grant funds in the amount of \$246,176 for the traffic signal at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Franklin Street, Project No. C222210, and the remainder of the grant be used for the implementation of various pedestrian safety improvement that will be identified through the Environmental Justice grant in the Chinatown area; and be it

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**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Clerk is hereby directed to post conspicuously forthwith notice of the above specific items on the official bulletin board in the Office of the City Clerk.

In Council, Oakland, California, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

Passed by the following vote:

AYES –

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

CEDA FLOYD

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

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