CITY OF OAKLAND AGENDA REPORT

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TO:

Office of the City/Agency Administrator

ATTN:

Deborah Edgerly

FROM:

Public Works Agency

DATE:

April 19, 2005

RE:

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO RESPOND TO QUESTION RAISED AT THE APRIL 12, 2005 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ON THE RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A TRANSPORTATION FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES (TLC) GRANT FOR \$2,200,000 FROM THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC), ACCEPTING \$159,000 IN MATCHING FUNDS FROM REDEVELOPMENT **AGENCY** UNDER THE **COOPERATION** AGREEMENT, AND APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO FUND THE REVIVE **CHINATOWN** PEDESTRIAN-ORIENTED **IMPROVEMENTS** PROJECT; AND RESOLUTION REALLOCATING \$159,000 FROM THE DOWNTOWN CAPITAL PROJECT SUPPORT TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND UNDER THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT TO FUND THE REVIVE CHINATOWN PEDESTRIAN-ORIENTED IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AS MATCHING FUNDS FOR A METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION **COMMISSION (MTC) GRANT**

SUMMARY

This supplemental report responds to questions raised at the April 12, 2005 Public Works Committee as to whether the matching funds for the Revive Chinatown Pedestrian-Oriented Improvement Project will be credited towards the City's commitment to fund Chinatown improvements. These obligations were required under the settlement agreement among Oakland and Alameda and Chinatown partners. In April 2004, as a result of litigation regarding the City of Alameda's EIR for the General Plan Amendment for Alameda Point; the City of Oakland, City of Alameda, Asian Health Services, and the Oakland Chinatown Chamber of Commerce entered into an agreement whereby the City of Oakland committed to provide \$462,000 towards pedestrian safety and circulation improvements in Chinatown.

The City of Alameda committed to provide \$500,000 towards these improvements. The City's local share of the Revive Chinatown Pedestrian-Oriented Improvement Project is \$477,000. If the City Council approves the resolutions for this project, the City's obligation to provide \$462,000 as provided for in the agreement will be fulfilled. Once the City Council approves the resolutions, a formal letter will be sent to the City of Alameda, Asian Health Services and the Asian Oakland Chinatown Chamber of Commerce informing them that the City's financial obligation has been completely satisfied.

A question was also raised during the Public Works Committee meeting concerning how the City of Alameda's obligations under the agreement were being monitored. The City staffs of Alameda and Oakland are working closely together, along with the Chinatown partners in implementing the

settlement agreement. Part of this work involves tracking obligations, monitoring environmental review documents and planning for long term capital improvements for the Chinatown community through cooperative efforts. Oakland City staff will report back to the City Council when Alameda's funding obligation has been completed.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Cappio

Director of Planning, Building, Major Projects and the Oakland Base Reuse Authority.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO

THE CITY COUNCIL:

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR