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AGENDA REPORT

TO: DEANNA J. SANTANA
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Vitaly B. Troyan, P.E.

SUBJECT: Safe Routes To Schools
Cycle 10 Grant Funds

DATE: April 11, 2013

City Administrator
Approval

Date

5/01/13

COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-Wide

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Administrator, or her designee, the Director of Public Works, to accept and appropriate Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) Cycle 10 grant funds from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the amount of \$216,000. The grant funds will be used to design and construct pedestrian safety improvements near Parker Elementary School, World Academy, Achieve Academy, Urban Promise Academy and Elmhurst Community Prep School.

OUTCOME

The outcome of this resolution will award the City up to \$216,000 that will be used for the design and construction of pedestrian improvements including American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps, sidewalk extensions, warning lights for school crosswalks, and signs for school crosswalks. These improvements were identified by the Transportation Services Division (TSD) in collaboration with TransForm—an Alameda County non-profit organization promoting non-motorized transportation, the Oakland Police Department, school staff, and parents from the schools. The improvements are primarily located along the designated walk and bike routes to the schools.

BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

By the passage of State Assembly Bill 1475, the SR2S Program was established in 1999 to provide for design and construction of pedestrian and bicyclist safety improvements along walk and bike routes to schools. TSD applied for SR2S Cycle 10 funding and the State awarded the City a grant in an amount not to exceed \$216,000.

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ANALYSIS

The selection of the projects for the SR2S Cycle 10 grant application was based on the SR2S Program guidelines and TSD's collaboration with the schools through walk audits sponsored by TransForm. During the walk audits, TSD observed the traffic conditions around the schools first hand and received input from school staff, parents, neighborhood residents, and the police department. The proposed projects are described below:

Parker Elementary School

Ney Avenue/Ritchie Street: Install four curb ramps and one sidewalk corner extension.

World Academy, Achieve Academy and Urban Academy

98th Avenue/Cherry Street: Install rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) and advanced school crosswalk warning signs.

Alliance Academy and Elmhurst Community Prep School

Fruitvale Avenue/East 16th Street: Install RRFBs and advanced school crosswalk warning signs.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

TSD worked with TransForm, OPD and the school site parents and administration in identifying potential improvements and in submitting proposals for grant funding.

COORDINATION

Upon Council's approval of this resolution, TSD will establish a new project and work with the Public Works Agency, Engineering Design & Right of Way Management Division to commence design for the improvements. The Budget and City Attorney's office were consulted in preparation of the report.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

1. **AMOUNT OF RECOMMENDATION/COST OF PROJECT:** The total project estimate cost is \$240,200.00.
2. **COST ELEMENTS OF AGREEMENT/CONTRACT:** Ongoing maintenance costs as a result of the project improvements are expected to be minimal and will be absorbed within current maintenance appropriations.
3. **SOURCE OF FUNDING:** The SR2S Cycle 10 Grant shall pay for the project.

4. **FISCAL IMPACT:** Approval of this resolution will allow the City to accept and appropriate \$216,000 to design and construct the identified projects. Funds will be deposited and appropriated within the State of California Department of Transportation Fund (2140), Transportation Services Division Organization (92246), and a new project number will be established. The program requires a minimum 10% local match. Matching funds in the amount of \$24,200 will be provided by the Safe Routes to Schools Matching Funds in Transportation Services Division Organization (92246), Measure B Fund (2211), Project C268810.

The required allocations for Contract Compliance will be set aside in the appropriate accounts upon approval of this resolution. The City's 1.5% public art fee is not an eligible expense under State's SR2S Grant guidelines, which limit expenditures to only bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements. For this reason, Staff requests that this fee be waived for this project.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: Project implementation provides the opportunity to use local contractors that offer employment to Oakland residents, thereby strengthening the local economy. The improvements help sustain neighborhood livability and home values by improving conditions for walking.

Environmental: The contractor is required to meet the City's Recycling and Waste Reduction Program goal of 50 percent. The project improves air quality by encouraging walking and bicycling to school.


Social Equity: The improvements will provide greater safety and accessibility to students who depend on walking, bicycling, and using public transit to go to school.

CEQA

There are no CEQA issues addressed by this report.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Joe Wang, at (510) 238-6107

Respectfully submitted,


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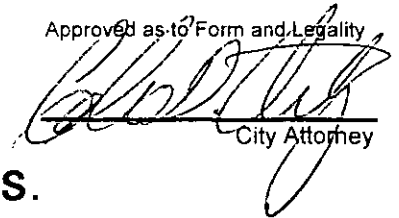
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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Approved as to Form and Legality



City Attorney

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Introduced by Councilmember _____

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE TWO-HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$216,000) IN SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS CYCLE 10 GRANT FUNDS FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS NEAR PARKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WORLD ACADEMY, ACHIEVE ACADEMY, URBAN PROMISE ACADEMY, AND ELMHURST COMMUNITY PREP SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) disbursed Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) Cycle 10 funds to eligible jurisdictions for projects that improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety along walk and bike routes to schools serving students from kindergarten through high school; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland desires to accept and appropriate \$216,000 in SR2S Cycle 10 funds into Caltrans Fund (2140) and Public Works Agency's Transportation Services Division Organization (92246) to address identified school pedestrian safety issues; and

WHEREAS, said funds will be used to construct a variety of pedestrian safety improvements near Parker Elementary School, World Academy, Achieve Academy, Urban Promise Academy, Alliance Academy, and Elmhurst Community Prep School including but not limited to ADA-compliant curb ramps, sidewalk extensions, warning lights for school crosswalks, and signs for school crosswalks; and

WHEREAS, a required local match in the amount of \$24,200 will be provided by Safe Routes to Schools Matching Funds in Transportation Services Division Organization (92246), Fund 2211 (Measure B), Project C268810; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Agency has requested a waiver of the 1.5% public art fee for this project because SR2S guidelines restrict funding uses to only safety improvements and prohibit the use of funds for public art; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes acceptance and appropriation of Safe Routes to Schools Cycle 10 funds in an amount not to exceed \$216,000 for the aforementioned school safety improvements; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that these grant funds will be deposited to Caltrans Fund (2140), Transportation Services Division Organization (92246); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Administrator, or her designee, is authorized, on behalf of the City of Oakland to execute and submit all documents, payment requests, and related actions, as well as to appropriate any additional grant funds received for the completion of this project.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF and PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

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