

**CITY OF OAKLAND
AGENDA REPORT**

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Public Works Agency
DATE: September 12, 2006

RE: **Resolution Authorizing The City Of Oakland To Accept And Appropriate Caltrans' Safe Routes To School Sixth Cycle Grant In The Amount Of Three Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$384,912.00) For Pedestrian Safety Improvements At Various School Locations Citywide**

SUMMARY

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the City Administrator or her designee to accept and appropriate an award from Caltrans' Safe Routes to School Program (SR2S) Sixth Cycle in the amount of \$384,912.00.

The SR2S funds will be used for the design and construction of pedestrian safety improvements at five intersections located along routes to four elementary schools throughout the City. The improvements include installation of new sidewalk "bulb-outs" at the intersections of: 1) Foothill Boulevard/22nd Avenue for Garfield Elementary; 2) 4th Avenue/East 12th Street for La Escuelita Elementary; 3) 73rd Avenue/Krause Avenue for Markham Elementary; 4) 10th Street/Alice Street for Lincoln Elementary; and 5) 11th Street/Alice Street for Lincoln Elementary. These improvements were identified and prioritized based on the collaboration among the City's Transportation Services Division (TSD), Police Department, Pedestrian Safety Project Coordinator, Safe Walk to School Coordinator, and school officials. The projects are located in Council Districts 2 and 6.

FISCAL IMPACTS

The total cost of the above listed projects is estimated at \$427,680.00. Approval of this resolution will accept and appropriate \$384,912.00 for these projects within the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Fund (2140); Transportation Services Division Organization (92246); and Project number to be determined. Additionally, \$42,768.00 for the minimum 10 percent local match is available in the Measure B Fund (2211); Safe Routes to School 05-06 Project (C268710).

The required allocations for Contract Compliance will be set aside in the appropriate accounts upon approval of this resolution. 1.5% of the awarded amount will go to Public Art. Ongoing maintenance costs will be covered by Public Works Agency operating costs.

BACKGROUND

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 routes to schools. Senate Bill 1087 extended the program until January 1, 2008. For Cycle Six, Fiscal Year 2005-2006, the City of Oakland was awarded \$384,912.00 (90 percent of the total \$427,680.00). The City is required to provide a minimum local match of \$42,768.00, which is 10 percent of the total project cost.

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Over the last several years, the City of Oakland, in conjunction with school officials, neighborhood organizations, and diverse groups such as Urban Ecology and Oakland Community Organizations, has worked to address and mitigate pedestrian and bicyclist safety issues at various school locations on a citywide basis. With awards in the amount of \$459,000.00 obtained from the 1999-2000 SR2S Program (First Cycle), \$449,523.00 obtained from the 2001-2002 SR2S Program (Second Cycle), and \$441,045.00 obtained from the 2003-2004 SR2S Program (Fourth Cycle), the City has installed new traffic signals, in-pavement crosswalk flashers, sidewalk bulb-outs, and pedestrian signal heads for school-area improvements.

In June 2005, TSD submitted the application for the SR2S Program Sixth Cycle. Caltrans awarded the City an amount of \$384,912.00, which was recently approved on June 21, 2006. Acceptance and appropriation of the funds will allow the Transportation Services Division (TSD) to establish a new project and commence with design.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

The primary goal of this project is to improve pedestrian safety and access for students walking to and from schools. The proposed improvements are on arterial streets with multiple travel lanes and traffic volumes as high as 28,000 vehicles per day. Four of the five locations are pedestrian crossings without traffic control. The proposed bulbouts will improve visibility, reduce the crossing distances for pedestrians, and calm traffic at the intersections.

The project locations were selected based on a combination of accident history, community input, and site evaluation. Garfield and Markham schools were identified in the Pedestrian Master Plan as having the highest number of accidents involving pedestrians under 18 years old within a quarter mile from campus. Lincoln and La Escuelita were identified as schools most in need of pedestrian improvements, by representatives from the Police Department, the Oakland Pedestrian Safety Project (Community and Economic Development Agency), and the Safe Walk to School Program (Department of Human Services). They were also identified for improvement in previous studies for the Chinatown Environmental Justice Grant and the Eastlake Streetscape Project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The projects consist of new sidewalk bulb-outs at the following school locations:

1. Garfield Elementary - Foothill Boulevard/22nd Avenue
2. La Escuelita Elementary - 4th Avenue/East 12th Street
3. Markham Elementary - 73rd Avenue/Krause Avenue
4. Lincoln Elementary - 10th Street/Alice Street and 11th Street/Alice Street

Caltrans, the funding agency, requires that the City award a construction contract for this project no later than September 30, 2007. The design for this project is scheduled for completion by the end of February 2007, which may enable award of a construction contract up to two months prior to the September 30, 2007 deadline.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: Project implementation provides the opportunity to use local contractors that offer employment to Oakland residents, thereby strengthening the local economy.

Environmental: The contractor is required to meet the City's Recycling and Waste Reduction Program goal of 50 percent.

Social Equity: The proposed improvements will provide greater safety and accessibility to pedestrians. Senior citizens, persons with disabilities and students will greatly benefit from these improvements.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

The improvements will comply with all requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and improve access for students, senior citizens and citizens with disabilities by installing curb ramps.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND RATIONALE

Staff recommends approval of the resolution to accept and appropriate funds from the Safe Routes to School Program (SR2S) Sixth Cycle in the amount of \$384,912.00. The project will improve pedestrian safety and access throughout the City.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff requests that Council approve the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

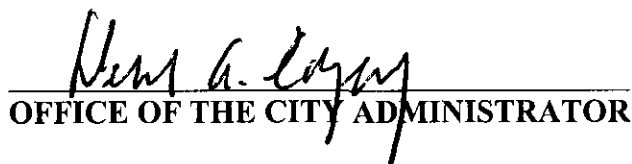


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APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO
THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:



OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
OAKLAND

[Signature]
Oakland City Attorney's Office

2006 AUG 29 PM 4:34 OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE CALTRANS' SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL SIXTH CYCLE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS (\$384,912.00) FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS SCHOOL LOCATIONS CITYWIDE

WHEREAS, the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is responsible for disbursing state funds for the Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program Sixth Cycle to local jurisdictions for construction projects that improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety along routes to schools; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland identified projects for said grant totaling \$427,680.00 in design and construction costs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland applied for and was awarded SR2S Sixth Cycle funds in the amount of \$384,912.00; and

WHEREAS, the City will provide a local match of \$42,768.00 from the Measure B Fund (2211); Safe Routes to School 05-06 Project (C268710); and

WHEREAS, based on collaboration among the City's Transportation Services Division (TSD), Police Department, Pedestrian Safety Project Coordinator, Safe Walk to School Coordinator, and school officials, the following projects were identified for this funding: 1) Foothill Boulevard/22nd Avenue for Garfield Elementary; 2) 4th Avenue/East 12th Street for La Escuelita Elementary; 3) 73rd Avenue/Krause Avenue for Markham Elementary; 4) 10th Street/Alice Street for Lincoln Elementary; and 5) 11th Street/Alice Street for Lincoln Elementary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council authorize the City Administrator or her designee to accept and appropriate the Safe Routes to School Program Sixth Cycle funds within the Caltrans Fund (2140); Transportation Services Division Organization (92246); and Project number to be determined in the amount of \$384,912.00; 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; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the agreements authorized by resolution shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the City Attorney and shall be filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2006

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