

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

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Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: Transportation Development Act Article 3 Allocation FY 10-11

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution No. 2010-33 requesting that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) allocate Fiscal Year 2010/11 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle Project Funding in the amount of \$20,785 to the City of Albany toward development of Plans, plat descriptions and agreements for the right of way acquisition for the construction of the Buchanan Bicycle and Pedestrian Path project and Utility Undergrounding.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Each year, MTC allocates TDA Article 3 funds to the different cities in the region. These funds are generated from a voter-approved half-cent sales tax. Revenue from this source must be used solely for transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects. The distribution of funds is based on population, and the amount varies every year according to total sales and revenues from this source that is collected in each county. In order to use these funds, the jurisdiction must have a defined project that is ready to implement. If not, the funds may be rolled over for future use. The City of Albany rolled over its TDA generations for FY 09/10 in the amount of \$10,854 and has \$9,931 in funds generated for FY 10/11. Funds from these two fiscal years will be allocated for expenditure in July 2010 and they should be expended within three years from the allocation date.

Through a grant from the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACITA), the City finalized 35% concept plans and environmental work for the Buchanan Bicycle and Pedestrian path project. Recently, the City entered into a contract to finalize 100% plans, specifications and engineering. In addition, the City is in the process of securing right of way agreements with the project stakeholders. Furthermore, the City will be starting a utility undergrounding project with PG&E along a portion of the area where the Buchanan Path project will be built, and is planning to build both projects at the same time.

The City is actively seeking construction funds for the Buchanan Bicycle and Pedestrian path project and has currently applied for grant opportunities. However, because finalizing the right of way process is crucial to receiving construction grants, staff

proposes the use of the TDA funds to finalize the right of way maps, plat description and draft maps for utility undergrounding along the path.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

This project would not have a negative impact on the environment. It would improve an existing bicycle facility and better accommodate bicycle and pedestrian use, further encouraging the use of the pathway. Environmental work on the Buchanan Bicycle and Pedestrian path has been completed and filed with the State Clearinghouse.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The City will use its TDA \$20,785 allocation to pay the cost of preparing plans, maps and plat description needed to secure right of way for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Path project, and for preliminary map and document preparation for utility undergrounding along the path. The total amount of these tasks is \$65,600. The remaining balance is covered by previously approved City matching funds (Measure F) for the Buchanan Path ACTIA grant.

Attachments

Resolution No. 2010-33 and attachments