

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

Agenda date: May 16, 2011
Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Allocation FY 2011/12
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution No. 2011-24 requesting that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) allocate Fiscal Year 2011/12 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle Project Funding in the amount of \$11,804 to the City of Albany toward construction of the Safe Routes to School Project (SR2S) in the vicinity of Ocean View Elementary School.

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. This summer, the City will install the signal and pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Buchanan and Jackson Streets. This project is funded by a SR2S grant that was obtained in 2007 in the amount of \$294,000 for the construction and educational components.

Since construction bids came in higher than the estimated construction costs, staff had to identify additional sources of funding, and requested Council to authorize the new funding schedule on April 4, 2011. At that time, the TDA funding source had been identified as a match for the Buchanan/Jackson signal and pedestrian improvements project. This request formalizes the process according to MTC guidelines.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

This project would not have a negative impact on the environment. It would improve pedestrian safety at the Buchanan/Jackson intersection, and it is hoped that the improved pedestrian environment will encourage more children to walk to school. In addition, this project dovetails with the Buchanan Bikeway project that the City will be implementing in the summer of 2012.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The City will use its TDA \$11,804 allocation to pay a portion of the construction cost for the concrete work (bulb outs, curb ramps, crosswalks) for the Buchanan/Jackson signal project.

Attachments

Resolution No. 2011-24 and attachments