



REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM NO.	2D
COUNCIL MEETING	3/28/13
APPROVED BY	
<i>MS</i>	
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR	
CITY MANAGER	<i>Mark Scott</i>

March 28, 2013

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**SUBJECT:** APPROVE RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THREE GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS) FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014: ONE COMMUNITY-BASED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND TWO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANTS FOR UP TO \$800,000 DOLLARS AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS BY THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE (PROPOSED PROJECTS LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3, and 5)

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Council authorize the submission of three grant applications to CALTRANS, requesting up to \$800,000, for a community-based transportation planning grant to support specific planning activities to implement the Fresno General Plan Update in the area west of SR99 and north of SR180 (West Area Specific Plan); and two environmental justice transportation planning grants. One environmental justice grant to support planning activities in the community west of SR 41 generally located in the Fig and North Avenues area, and another to support development of multi-purpose trail infrastructure priorities for youth, low-income women and the elderly in Southeast, Southwest and South Central Fresno.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The City of Fresno proposes to apply to CALTRANS for three grants: a community-based transportation planning grant to support development of a West Area Specific Plan; and two environmental Justice Grants. One of the environmental justice grants will be designed to work with Habitat for Humanity and its 25 strategic partners to develop effective community strategies to improve the quality of lives for residents of the community east of SR 41 generally located in the Fig and North Avenues area. The other environmental justice grant is work with the San Joaquin Valley Latino Environmental Advancement and Policy Project to support development of multi-purpose trail infrastructure priorities for youth, low-income women and the elderly in Southeast,

Southwest and South Central Fresno consistent with the trails map proposed in the Fresno General Plan Update.

## **BACKGROUND**

CALTRANS issued its Planning Grant Guides and solicitation for applications for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. These transportation planning grants promote a balanced, comprehensive multi-modal transportation system, and can be used for a wide range of transportation planning purposes which addresses local and regional transportation needs and issues. Both the Environmental Justice and the Community-Based Transportation are state funded and must abide by the State Transportation Planning goals.

Staff intends to use the funding from the Community-Based Planning grant to support specific planning activities to implement the Fresno General Plan Update in the area west of SR99 and north of SR180 (West Area Specific Plan).

The funding from the Environmental Justice grant will support neighborhood development activities and planning efforts of the Southwest Fresno Community located East of State Route 41 generally between Jensen Avenue and North Avenues. This project will be carried out in partnership with Habitat for Humanity as part of its neighborhood revitalization initiative. Habitat for Humanity has been working with 25 strategic partners including, city officials, residents, community organizations and business partners located in the area, providing input, leadership and guidance in the revitalization of their neighborhood. They have been focused in this area for two and a half years and have developed some strategies and objectives that they would like to see implemented in their neighborhood. If successful, the Environmental Justice Plan would require working with the community and the partners to develop effective community strategies to improve the quality of lives for all who live there.

The second environmental justice grant is proposed to define the types of bicycle trail and bike lane facilities, programs, services to encourage the targeted environmental justice communities (women, elderly and youth) to travel by bicycle as a main mode of travel due to economic necessity, for maintaining and improving health, and meeting Green House Gas reduction targets. A goal is to maximize Class I bicycle facilities (separate facilities from roads such as paths and trails) within the mentioned areas as designated in the Fresno General Plan Update. This project will be carried out in partnership with the San Joaquin Valley Latino Environmental Advancement and Policy Project and their partnering stakeholders.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Caltrans requires a 10% match for each of the grants. Both Habitat for Humanity and the San Joaquin Valley Latino Environmental Advancement and Policy Project have each committed to provide the 10% match for the Environmental Justice grants; and the City will provide the other 10% for the Community-Based Grant from separate and related grants or in-kind matching funds.

Attachments: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA TO AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 2013-2014 COMMUNITY-BASED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANTS IN A CUMULATIVE AMOUNT UP TO \$800,000 DOLLARS AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL RELATED PROGRAM DOCUMENTS, AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS ) issued its notice of funding inviting applications for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Transportation Planning Grants; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno is eligible to apply for these grants and desires to do so; and

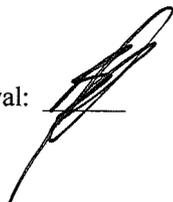
WHEREAS, the procedures established by CALTRANS require that an applicant's governing body certify, by resolution the approval of the application to CALTRANS and the authorization for execution of the program and standard agreement, amendments thereto and related program documents; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the City of Fresno will enter into an agreement(s) with CALTRANS for the development of projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. Filing of application with CALTRANS for up to \$800,000 is approved.
2. Acceptance of the grants, if awarded is authorized subject to Constitutional and local law requirements and this resolution.
3. The City Manager or Designee is authorized to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects, subject to prior approval as to form by the City Attorney's Office.

Date Adopted:  
Date Approved:  
Effective Date:  
City Attorney Approval: \_\_\_\_\_



Resolution for FY 2013-2014  
CALTRANS Planning Grants  
Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF FRESNO )  
CITY OF FRESNO )

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

AYES :  
NOES :  
ABSENT :  
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: \_\_\_\_\_, 2013  
Mayor Approval/No Return: \_\_\_\_\_, 2013  
Mayor Veto: \_\_\_\_\_, 2013  
Council Override Vote: \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC  
City Clerk

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert C. Abrams  
Deputy City Attorney

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3/28/13

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REQUEST TO APPEAR  
BEFORE THE FRESNO CITY COUNCIL

NOTE-ALL REQUESTS MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN

On April 1, 1980 the Fresno City Council adopted a policy relating to procedures to be used for those persons wishing to appear before the Fresno City Council, as follows:

SCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS-APPEARANCES ON PRINTED AGENDA

Submit this form, or a written letter to the City Clerk, 2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, CA 93721 requesting to be placed on the agenda for a scheduled time. The letter should state the subject matter, provide supporting material, if any, and state the action you wish the City Council to take. Your request will be referred to the Chief Administrative Officer and placed on the agenda no sooner than ten (10) days after a receipt of your written letter in order to provide an opportunity for City staff to prepare comments for Council consideration. The policy is to limit your presentation to three (3) minutes pursuant to Ordinance 96-67. The City Clerk shall provide copies of your written request to the Fresno City Council.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

You may address the City Council at the conclusion of the Council meeting and the policy is to limit your presentation to three (3) minutes pursuant to Ordinance 96-67. Please be present at the conclusion of the Council meeting if you wish to be heard.

REQUEST TO APPEAR BEFORE THE FRESNO CITY COUNCIL

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TELEPHONE NO. 704-975-8874 DATE 3/14/13

LETTER: Topic: Budget

Action: Emergency Budget Session

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