



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: November 6, 2007

SUBJECT: Authorize the Public Works Director to apply for SACOG funding programs

Report in Brief

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) distributes funding for state and federal funded grant programs including Air Quality, Bicycle and Pedestrian, Transportation Demand Management, Community Design, Regional Transportation Projects, Locally Identified Projects and Road Rehabilitation Projects. Applications for these programs are due in late November, early December and early January. Staff has identified specific projects that meet the application criteria for the Bicycle and Pedestrian, Regional Transportation Projects, Locally Identified Projects and Road Rehabilitation Projects. A specific project has not been identified for the Community Design application although staff is reviewing alternatives in order to meet the January 9, 2008 deadline for this program. Application deadlines for Air Quality and Transportation Demand Management have not been identified at this time. All applications must be signed by the City Council or their designee.

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the Public Works Director, in coordination with the Finance Director to sign the applications for the four SACOG funding programs in association with the specific projects as described herein.

Background

In July 2002, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) adopted the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2025. This 23-year, \$22 billion plan for the region included four federally-funded programs: Air Quality, Bicycle and Pedestrian, Transportation Demand Management and Community Design. Additionally, SACOG distributes funding for Regional Transportation, Locally Identified and Road Rehabilitation projects. Typically cities are not eligible for the Transportation Demand Management and Air Quality funding programs.

Funding for these programs is distributed every two years with the process starting in the fall of odd numbered years. This cycle, applications are due between the end of November 2007 and

January 2008 and must be signed by the City's governing body or their designee. With Council authorization, staff intends to have the Public Works Director authorize funding applications. All applications will be coordinated with the Finance Director to insure local match requirements and any recurring operational expenses can be funded.

If funding is granted to the City, staff will return to Council for authorization to enter into a funding agreement. At that time staff will present estimated project costs, approved grant amounts and the financial actions necessary to fund local match amounts and any related recurring operational expenses.

Discussion

Each year Council authorizes staff to apply for grants from SACOG for these funding programs. The application enables the City to compete for locally available funding set aside for these specific purposes. Grant funding allows the City to leverage its available funding.

Staff intends to submit the following projects for grant funding in each funding category:

- Bicycle and Pedestrian – Main Street Bikeway
- Regional Transportation Projects – I-5/SR 113 Interchange
- Locally Identified Projects – Beamer Street Under Crossing
- Road Rehabilitation Projects – 2008 Road Rehabilitation Project

The application deadline for all of the above programs with the exception of the Bicycle and Pedestrian program is November 30. The Bicycle and Pedestrian program application is due December 3. Staff will return to Council at a future date with a request to apply for the Community Design funding program. The application is not due until January 9 and at this time a project has not been identified for the funding program.

Fiscal Impact

Grant funding received will supplement other city funding. The funding from the SACOG programs typically requires an 11.47% local match. Staff anticipates utilizing Measure E funds to meet the local match requirement.

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Recommendation for Action

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