



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: February 17, 2009

SUBJECT: Ratify FY2009/10 Appropriations Request

Report in Brief

Over the past several years, the City Council has approved the City of Woodland's Federal Appropriation Priority Requests. These appropriations requests are also typically addressed by the City delegation to the Cap to Cap trip in early April of each year, where the City delegation meets with federal representatives and key staff regarding the needs of the City of Woodland that meet the criteria set for federal appropriations. As in the past few years, the I-5/SR 113 Connector project remains Woodland's highest priority. Additionally, staff has developed funding requests for the Woodland Downtown Parking Garage Facility, the Lower Cache Creek Flood Control Project and the Woodland-Davis Alternative Transportation Corridor. The timeline for appropriation request submittals is earlier this year, and therefore staff is requesting the City Council's ratification of the City's submittals. Senator Feinstein's requests were due February 5th, Senator Boxer's February 13th and Congressman Thompson's requests due in late February.

Staff recommends that City Council ratify the FY 2010 Federal Appropriation Request to Congress for the NB I-5/SB SR 113 freeway to freeway connector project, the Woodland Downtown Parking Garage Facility, the Lower Cache Creek Flood Control Project, and the Woodland-Davis Alternative Transportation Corridor.

Background

The I-5/SR 113 freeway to freeway connector continues to be the City of Woodland's number one transportation priority. In addition to this federal appropriation request, the project is also the first priority Woodland's Economic Stimulus list of projects.

The Woodland Downtown Parking Garage Facility is a priority redevelopment project and staff has been actively pursuing economic development grant funding to make this a viable, near term project.

The Lower Cache Creek Flood Control Project (floodSAFE Yolo Pilot Program) is a partnership comprised of the City of Woodland, County of Yolo, and the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District to look at alternatives for the Settling Basin that would reduce risk of flooding

for the City of Woodland and Yolo County. Recent developments associated with this project suggest that a viable strategy to significantly reduce the risk of flooding to Woodland and Yolo County has been identified.

The Woodland-Davis Alternative Transportation Corridor project is a Yolo County project however since it is a project with regional importance to the cities of Woodland and Davis, staff developed an appropriations request. Multiple agency project requests increases the projects chance of funding.

Discussion

The following information briefly describes each project and includes highlights from the appropriation submissions.

Construct the freeway to freeway connector between I-5 and State Route 113 in Woodland

This project has been a longstanding regional priority because it connects two freeway segments. The project is especially beneficial to the City of Woodland as the current routing places freeway traffic onto the local street system. This project is supported by our Metropolitan Planning Organization (SACOG) and our local Congestion Management Agency (YCTD). This is the #1 priority highway transportation project in Yolo County (per the Yolo County Transit District Board). This project is also supported by Yolo County and it is included in the regional metropolitan transportation improvement program by SACOG.

Woodland Downtown Parking Garage Facility

This project will support the construction of a downtown parking garage that will stimulate new commercial development, creating over 250 new jobs, and support an expansion of the Yolo County Courts Facility. The Woodland Downtown Parking Garage Facility is anticipated to supply a minimum of 480 parking spaces to serve a multi-screen theater, growing downtown businesses, courthouse employees, and visitors to the downtown. It is expected that the construction of the new parking facility will remove parking as an obstacle to new development and encourage local and outside business investment.

FloodSAFE Yolo Pilot Program

This project seeks to utilize extensive engineering and environmental analyses already performed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in its 2003 feasibility investigation to advance implementation of a cost-effective and locally-supported flood risk reduction project.

Woodland-Davis Alternative Transportation Corridor

This project would contribute to the funding for the design, engineering, environmental analysis, and acquisition of right-of-way for a bike path and electric vehicle corridor between Davis and

Woodland. The feasibility study was jointly funded by the cities of Woodland and Davis and Yolo County. This proposal will help take this project to the next stage.

Fiscal Impact

Federal funding of \$2.1 million for right of way acquisition for the I-5/113 project will make the project ready for construction.

Federal funding of \$8 million for the Woodland Downtown Parking Garage Facility will be used for construction. Land acquisition and engineering costs are being requested through the Economic Development Administration grant process.

Federal funding of \$600,000 for the floodSAFE Yolo Pilot Program will be used to facilitate evaluation of alternatives for reducing the flood risk to the City of Woodland.

Federal funding of \$500,000 for the Woodland-Davis Alternative Transportation Corridor will be used for design, engineering, environmental analysis, and acquisition of right of way. The additional \$1,000,000 requirement is being sought from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments and the CalTrans Bicycle Transportation Account grant program.

Public Contact

Posting of the City Council agenda.

Commission Recommendation

The projects have been reviewed by the Planning Commission as part of the past Capital Budget review and found to be consistent with the General Plan.

Alternative Courses of Action

1. Ratify the FY 2010 Federal Appropriation Request to Congress for the NB I-5/SB SR 113 freeway to freeway connector project, the Woodland Downtown Parking Garage Facility, the Lower Cache Creek Flood Control Project, and the Woodland-Davis Alternative Transportation Corridor.
2. Direct staff to rescind the Senator Feinstein and Senator Boxer Appropriations Requests and defer additional Congressional requests at this time.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Alternative No. 1.

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