



# City of Woodland

## REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: October 20, 2009

SUBJECT: Authorize the City Engineer 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 and Local Transportation Projects.

Applications for Bicycle and Pedestrian and Regional/Local Funding programs are due October 23, 2009 and must be signed by the chief elected official or their designee.

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Engineer to sign applications for SACOG grant funded programs as described herein.

### **Background**

In March 2008, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) adopted the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2035. This 28-year, \$29 billion plan for the region includes funding for local road improvements, bicycle/pedestrian improvements and other regional improvements among other funding.

The funding cycle process for these programs begins in the fall of odd numbered years. For the 2009 cycle, applications are due on October 23 and must be signed by the City's chief elected official or their designee. With Council authorization, the City Engineer will authorize funding applications in coordination with Finance to insure local match requirements can be met.

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 project scope, estimated project costs, approved grant amounts, local match amounts required and the funding source for the match. These actions may require the approved FY 2009 capital budget to be amended. Therefore, the submission of applications does not commit the City to a future expenditure if unanticipated fiscal issues create a situation where in such expenditures are not sustainable.

**Discussion**

The City Council has previously authorized applications 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 diminishing funding.

Staff intends to submit applications for grant funding in each of the following funding categories:

Bicycle and Pedestrian – Woodland-Davis Alternative Transportation Corridor

Staff proposes to submit a joint application with the city of Davis and Yolo County for this project. Staff intends to apply for funding for environmental, project design and right of way acquisition in an amount not to exceed \$2.75 million. This funding will likely require a local match of 11.47% that would be shared between the project proponents (currently with a 40/40/20 project split). However, staff has had discussions with SACOG regarding obtaining state funding that would serve as a local match for this project. Depending on when federal grant funding is obtained, City staff may recommend delaying the project until state funding is available to match federal funds. Any local matching funds paid by the City would be an amendment to the 10 year CIP as funding is limited to the feasibility study up at this time.

Staff intends to return to the City Council in November with further discussion regarding the route alternatives presented on October 6. However, it is important for the Council to note that the SACOG grant application does not require the specific route to be selected during the early rounds of the evaluation process.

Regional Transportation Projects – I-5/SR 113 Interchange

Caltrans is in the process of updating their project funding request for this project. The City is planning to apply for SACOG funding if there are any shortfalls identified for right of way costs. This project currently has enough state funding that will serve as the local match for any federal funds received so there will not be a need for City matching funds for this project during this cycle.

Local Transportation Projects – Road Rehabilitation

Staff proposes to apply for a project for between \$300,000 and \$1 million. Staff is still evaluating the grant requirements to see which project application will compete well for SACOG funding. As part of the grant application process, staff will be discussing the proposed projects with SACOG staff. The local match for this project will need to be funded using Measure E funding that is already incorporated in the approved CIP.

**Fiscal Impact**

Grant funding received will supplement other City funding for projects within the approved CIP. The funding from the SACOG programs typically requires an 11.47% local match. If funding is received staff will return to Council at a future time to propose amendments to the capital budget.

**Public Contact**

Posting of the City Council agenda.

**Alternative Courses of Action**

1. Authorizes the City Engineer to sign applications for SACOG grant funded programs as described herein.
2. Do not authorize applications and forgo applying for 2009 SACOG funding.

**Recommendation for Action**

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

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