

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:	Matthew Fertal	From:	Keith G. Jones	
Dept.:	City Manager	Dept.:	City Manager	
Subject:	RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR THE CITY'S INTERNATIONAL WEST HARBOR BOULEVARD PROJECT		Date:	October 28, 2008

OBJECTIVE

To request City Council approval of a resolution supporting funding for the City's International West Harbor Boulevard Project through the reauthorization of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

BACKGROUND

For approximately the past year, the City has been working to obtain funding for transportation improvements along Harbor Boulevard through the reauthorization of the federal highway transportation bill, SAFETEA-LU. It is expected that the reauthorized bill will provide over \$290 billion for surface transportation throughout the nation when Congress reauthorizes it in 2009.

The City's contract lobbying firm, Federal Advocates, has assisted the City in developing a \$78.6 million project proposal and economic analysis in support of this effort (see attachments 1 and 2). To date, various meetings, briefings and site visits have been conducted with key legislators, legislative staff, and Committee staff to introduce, review, and discuss the City's International West Harbor Boulevard Project.

DISCUSSION

Staff is presently working with Federal Advocates to generate and document support for the project. As part of this effort, it is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution supporting funding through the reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU and urging our distinguished members of Congress to fully fund the International West Harbor Boulevard Project. The resolution will document and make it publicly known that the City's request is fully supported at the local level.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact.

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COMMUNITY VISION IMPLEMENTATION

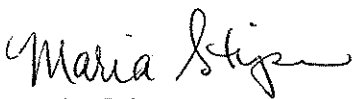
This action supports the Community Vision goals of identifying solutions to address the City's long-term infrastructure needs and maintaining and improving the transportation system to ensure the safe efficient flow of traffic.

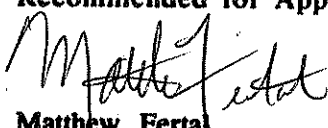
RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- Approve the attached resolution supporting funding for the International West Harbor Boulevard Project through the reauthorization of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users.


KEITH G. JONES
Public Works Director


By: Maria Stipe
Assistant to the City Manager

Recommended for Approval

Matthew Feral
City Manager

Attachment 1: International West Harbor Boulevard Project White Paper
Attachment 2: International West Harbor Boulevard Project Economic Analysis
Attachment 3: Resolution