City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:

Matthew J. Fertal

From:

Keith G. Jones

Dept.:

City Manager

Dept.:

Public Works

Subject:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING

Date:

October 12, 2010

SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT

APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY FOR

THE HARBOR BOULEVARD

ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT

PROJECT

OBJECTIVE

To approve a Resolution authorizing an application submittal to the California Natural Resources Agency (Agency) for funding under the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP) for the Harbor Boulevard Environmental Enhancement Project.

BACKGROUND

The EEMP Program is a state grant, which authorizes the allocation of up to \$10 million each fiscal year for projects to mitigate the environmental impacts of modified or new public transportation facilities. The Agency prescribes procedures and criteria to evaluate grant proposals and submits a list of projects recommended for funding to the California Transportation Commission After a project list has been finalized the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is then given the responsibility to administer the grant agreements.

DISCUSSION

The Agency recently issued a competitive call for projects for the EEMP Program for Fiscal Year 2010-11. One of the categories of EEMP projects eligible for funding is the Highway Landscaping and Urban Forestry. In order to be eligible under this category, EEMP projects need to be directly or indirectly related to the environmental impact of the modification of a related transportation facility (RTF). The qualifying related transportation facility for Garden Grove is the widening of State Route 22.

Additionally, EEMP projects need to be in the general area of the RTF to qualify for funding. Grant proposals need to mitigate environmental impacts, such as air pollution caused by modifications to the RTF.

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To mitigate these impacts, the Harbor Boulevard Environmental Enhancement Project, from Woodbury Road to Flagstone Avenue, proposes to plant new trees, replace the existing landscape on the median islands with drought-tolerant plants and install a sub-surface drip irrigation system. Staff is requesting funds in the total amount of \$350,000 to cover landscaping costs, which will include irrigation system installation, and planting materials. If the application is approved and awarded, construction work will be scheduled according to the grant agreement requirements.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There will be no impact to the General Fund. Local Measure M matching funds will be used for the Harbor Boulevard Environmental Enhancement Project.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

 Adopt the Resolution authorizing submittal of a grant application to the California Natural Resources Agency for funding under the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program for the Harbor Boulevard Environmental Enhancement Project.

Recommended for Approval

Matthew Fertal

City Manager

KEITH G. JONES

Public Works Director

By: William E. Murray Jr.

City Engineer/

Attachment: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION PROGRAM UNDER THE SECTION 164.56 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE FOR THE HARBOR BOULEVARD ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California has enacted AB 471 (Chapter 106 of the Statutes of 1989), which is intended to provide \$10 million annually for a period of 10 years for grant funds to local, state, and federal agencies and nonprofit entities for projects to enhance and mitigate the environmental impacts of modified or new public transportation facilities;

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Grove intends to apply for grant funds for the Harbor Boulevard Environmental Enhancement Project (Project);

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Agency has established the procedures and criteria for reviewing grant proposals and is required to submit to the California Transportation Commission a list of recommended projects from which the grant recipients will be selected;

WHEREAS, said procedures and criteria established by the Natural Resources Agency require a Resolution certifying the approval of application by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove before submission of said application to the State;

WHEREAS, the application contains assurances that the Applicant must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Grove, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the environmental enhancement and mitigation Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Garden Grove hereby approves the filing of an application for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program for grant assistance for the Project; certifies that the City will make adequate provisions for operation and maintenance of the Project; and appoints the Public Works Director as agent of the City of Garden Grove 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 Project.