

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Date: 07/28/08		Item Number: <u>A-1</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT - Approval of a Budget Amendment Appropriating \$40,000 from the Playa Vista Traffic Mitigation Funds to the Sawtelle Boulevard Widening Project at Venice Boulevard, P-851			
Contact Person/Dept.: Mate Gaspar/ Public Works		Phone Number: (310) 253-5619	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☐	
Public Notification: Master E-Mail Notification List (07/24/08).			
Department Head Approval: Charles D. Herbertson (07/17/08)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (07/22/08)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by N. Kimball) (07/23/08)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (07/23/08)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council approve a budget amendment to appropriate \$40,000 from the Playa Vista Traffic Mitigation Fund to the Sawtelle Boulevard Widening at Venice Boulevard Project, P-851. <u>A 4/5th vote is required to approve the budget amendment.</u> <u>BACKGROUND:</u> The adopted capital improvement budget includes the Sawtelle Boulevard Widening at Venice Boulevard, P-851. The purpose of the project is to widen the west side of Sawtelle Boulevard from Venice Boulevard to the alley south of Venice Boulevard and restripe the street to provide a northbound left-turn lane from Sawtelle Boulevard to Venice Boulevard. The project also includes installation of a left turn phase on Sawtelle Boulevard southbound to eastbound Venice Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles. The project is a joint venture with the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT). LADOT received an MTA grant for the project. Matching funds are to be divided equally between LADOT and Culver City. <u>DISCUSSION:</u> Caltrans is requesting that Culver City provide for the installation of a northbound left turn traffic signal phase in conjunction with the widening effort on the south leg of Sawtelle Boulevard at Venice Boulevard.			

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On behalf of Caltrans, LADOT determined the cost and feasibility of having a northbound left turn phase included as part of the widening project. The cost to design and construct the northbound left turn phase is estimated to be \$40,000. LADOT is receptive to accomplishing this effort as part of the widening project to which Culver City has already committed \$90,000 for our portion of the grant's matching funds.

Installation of the separate northbound left turn traffic signal phase will greatly benefit traffic flow and safety at this intersection. Staff recommends that \$40,000 be appropriated from the Playa Vista Traffic Mitigation Fund to the project. Work is expected to occur this fiscal year.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The project currently has \$90,000 of Gas Tax Funds appropriated for the matching funds. The \$40,000 in Playa Vista Traffic Mitigation funds being requested is in addition to the \$90,000 already appropriated. Playa Vista Traffic Mitigation funds currently has approximately \$1.6 million available for capital improvements.

MOTION:

That the City Council:

- 1) Approve a budget amendment to appropriate \$40,000 from Playa Vista Traffic Mitigation Funds account number 420212270 to the budget line item 42000851, Sawtelle Boulevard widening at Venice Boulevard, P-851.

A 4/5th vote is required to approve the budget amendment.