

**City of Culver City, California
Agenda Item Report**

Meeting Date: 04/02/2012		Item Number: <u>C-7</u>	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit a Grant Application through the California Department of Transportation's Bicycle Transportation Account Grant Program to Fund Bicycle Parking			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☐ Attachments: ☒	
Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒		Date: _____	
Public Notification: (E-mail) Agenda and Meetings – City Council (03/30/12); (E-mail) Culver City Bicycle Coalition (03/30/12)			
Department Approval: Charles D. Herbertson (03/20/12)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (03/28/12)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (03/28/12)		City Manager Approval: John M. Nachbar (03/29/12)	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to fund bicycle parking through the California Department of Transportation's (Caltran's) Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) grant program.

BACKGROUND:

The BTA is an annual grant program that funds projects intended to improve the safety and convenience of bicycle commuters in California. This year, \$11.9 million are available statewide through this grant program, and the application deadline is April 27, 2012.

To be eligible to apply for a BTA grant, a local agency must have a Bicycle Plan that meets specific state requirements. The City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP), which was approved by the City Council on November 8, 2010, was drafted to meet these requirements and, thus, enables the City to apply for these funds.

DISCUSSION:

Staff recommends submitting a BTA grant application for bicycle parking. Currently, the lack of convenient, appropriately-placed and well-designed bicycle parking is a barrier to cycling in Culver City. The proposed grant application, if

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approved, will allow the City to purchase and install roughly 200 modern, U-shaped bicycle racks at suitable locations throughout the City as well as associated signage. This installation of bicycle racks will significantly increase the supply of parking around the City, thus helping address this barrier to increasing bicycle use.

The provision of additional bicycle parking is entirely consistent with the BPMP, which articulates the following implementation action: "Action 5b1 - Pursue funding to encourage bicycling and walking for everyday trips by providing convenient and secure public bicycle parking and support facilities at all public buildings, parks, Downtown and destination centers."

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is a 10 percent matching requirement for this grant. The total grant cost for this project is anticipated to be \$50,000. If the grant is approved by Caltrans, roughly \$5,000 in matching funds are anticipated to be required, as well as in-kind staff costs for preparing the application and managing the grant implementation. Staff is proposing using Gas Tax funds as the project match. There will also be ongoing maintenance costs which staff anticipates can be absorbed in the street maintenance budget.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Proposed Resolution

MOTIONS:

That the City Council

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application through the Bicycle Transportation Account for Bicycle Parking.