

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

Meeting Date: <u>10/13/14</u>		Item Number: <u>C-6</u>
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of a Resolution Approving an Application for Grant Funds through the Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning under the Federal Transit Administration.		
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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 (10/08/2014)		
Department Approval: Charles D. Herbertson (09/30/14)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (10/07/14)
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (10/08/14)		City Manager Approval: John M. Nachbar (10/08/14)
 <u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council adopt a resolution approving the application for grant funds through the Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning under the Federal Transit Administration. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced the availability of \$19.98 million in funds for Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014 under the Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning. Through this program, FTA intends to fund comprehensive planning work that would likely not occur otherwise without Federal support. The FTA is seeking applications for funding that address six focus areas: 1) Enhances economic development, ridership and other goals established during the projected development and engineering processes; 2) Facilitates multimodal connectivity and accessibility; 3) Increase access to transit hubs for pedestrian and bicycle traffic; 4) Enables mixed-use development; 5) Identifies infrastructure needs associated with the eligible project; and 6) Includes private sector participation		

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DISCUSSION:

Through this availability of funds from FTA, the Public Works Department is preparing an application to develop a comprehensive plan that specifically addresses bicycle and pedestrian access through the connection from the Expo Station to Downtown Culver City along Washington Boulevard. The proposed project would fund a consultant to conduct community meetings and safety assessments that will lead to development of a comprehensive plan that will be coordinated with the City's current TOD streetscape planning efforts in order to promote increased connectivity and access between the Expo Station and Downtown Culver City, including bike sharing opportunities.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The City's matching requirement for the project is \$50,000 (20% hard match). The funding amount being requested from the grant is \$250,000 to cover, along with the City's match, the cost of the consultant for input meetings, assessments and development of a comprehensive plan for the Expo Station connection to Downtown Culver City. Matching funds would be required from the General Fund. While staff is not recommending appropriation of these funds at this time, if the application for this grant is approved by City Council and ultimately by FTA, the match would then need to be appropriated. Depending upon the timing of the award, this will either be reflected in the Proposed Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Annual Budget or as a budget amendment. Under the City's financial policies, use of General Fund reserves would be appropriate as this is a one-time project cost.

Estimated Overall Project Costs:

Project Costs	\$300,000
Consultant for Plan Development	\$250,000
Outreach, Community Involvement and Participation	\$ 50,000
Total Grant Amount Requested	\$250,000
Culver City Monetary Contribution	\$50,000

ATTACHMENT:

1. Proposed Resolution

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MOTIONS:

That the City Council

Adopt a resolution approving the application for grant funds through the Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning under the Federal Transit Administration.