

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

Meeting Date: 02/27/2012		Item Number: <u>C-3</u>	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Perform Any Actions Necessary for the Purpose of Obtaining Financial Assistance Provided by the California Emergency Management Agency under the Proposition 1B Transit Security Grant Program			
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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) Meetings and Agendas – City Council (2/22/12); (E-Mail) Ongoing Topics – Culver CityBus (2/22/12)			
Department Approval: Art Ida (02/13/12)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (02/21/12)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (02/22/12)		City Manager Approval: John M. Nachbar (02/22/12)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to perform any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance provided by the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) under the Proposition 1B Transit Security Program. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> In November 2006, voters approved the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 as California State Proposition 1B. Proposition 1B contains a variety of funds which are administered by different agencies, each with its own funding allocation processes. Of the \$1 billion of designated bond funds, \$60 million have been allocated to Proposition 1B Transit Security Funds for Fiscal Year 2012. As an agency that is eligible to receive State Transit Assistance (CTA) funds, Culver City was allocated \$66,090 for this fiscal year. In prior years, Culver City also received \$66,090 from this funding source and allocated them towards: (1) the purchase of the Automatic Vehicle Locator equipment in the six new buses that were purchased for the Bus Rapid program; (2) the purchase of an upgraded camera security system at the Transportation facility; and (3) the purchase of additional security cameras on new replacement buses.			

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These funds were also supplemented by a local match of funds provided to Culver City from the MTA Bridge Fund, for the respective years.

DISCUSSION:

In order to obtain the funds which have been allocated to the City of Culver City, the City was required to file an Investment Justification for the use of the funds that had been allocated for Fiscal Year 2012. Should the City Council adopt the proposed resolution, the City will use these funds towards an upgraded bus security system for 12 of the existing 32 buses in the fleet.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The City of Culver City Transportation Department has recently received a Notification of Project Eligibility from CalEMA for the aforementioned project, in the amount of \$66,090. This means the project meets the pertinent eligibility criteria but that the project will be subject to available bond funding. Currently, there are no funds available to support this project until the State issues new bonds, which may take place in the spring of 2012.

Consequently, the project approval is not a grant award. Upon approval of the grant award, staff will present a budget amendment to the City Council for consideration.

Staff is in the process of seeking a Letter of No Prejudice, so the City can proceed with the project and be reimbursed for our expenditures at such time the funding from bond proceeds is available. This is required since the cameras will be installed as we receive part of the new 20 replacement buses, which are scheduled to begin arrival, in stages, in late February/early March of 2012. Funding for cameras on these news buses has been covered with prior CalEMA and MTA Bridge Funds.

To leverage existing grant authority, we have received approval from CalEMA to utilize left over funds from the previously approved grant in Fiscal Year 2008/2009, available as the Transportation Facility Security Camera project came in well under budget. This action will decrease the local match needed for the Fiscal Year 2010/2011 CalEMA approved grant for bus security cameras, which is linked to this new Fiscal Year 2011/2012 approved grant.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Proposed Resolution
- B. Certifications and Assurances Document
- C. Authorized Agent Signature Authority

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MOTION:

That the City Council:

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