

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

Meeting Date: 02/01/10		Item Number: <u>A-2</u>	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: Consideration and Approval of Submission of Federal Appropriations Requests for FY 2011/12.			
Contact Person/Dept.: Shelly Wolfberg/ City Manager's Office		Phone Number: (310) 253-6008	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☐	
Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒		Date: _____	
/Public Notification: Meetings and Agendas – City Council (01/27/10).			
Department Approval: Martin R. Cole (01/25/10)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (01/26/10)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Mark Scott (by M. Noller) (01/26/10)		City Manager Approval: Mark Scott (01/27/10)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to submit Federal Appropriations Requests for FY 2011/12 and set the priority ranking of these projects. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> In recent years, with the assistance of Culver City's federal advocacy team, CJ Strategies, the City has been successful in obtaining federal appropriations in the amounts of nearly \$2.2 million to widen Sepulveda and Culver Boulevards; \$2 million for the preliminary engineering design of the on/off ramp system at the intersection of the I-10 and Robertson/National Boulevards; \$500,000 for catch basin inserts; \$235,000 for the Interagency Interoperable Communications System (ICIS); and \$84,000 for Police Department Computer/Data Equipment. Each year, the City submits appropriations requests through the City's Senators and Representative for consideration during the Federal budgeting process. Once the appropriations requests are transmitted to the appropriate legislator's offices, the City continues to work closely with CJ Strategies. The City Council also provides critical advocacy through direct contacts with federal elected officials and their staff. While the Federal budget process does not always result in appropriations requests being approved, the City can be proud of its recent accomplishments, especially given the current fiscal challenges in Washington.			

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DISCUSSION:

The City's FY 2011 Federal appropriations requests are due to Senator Feinstein's Office on February 5th, to Senator Boxer's Office on February 12th, and to Congresswoman Watson's Office by February 26th. City staff has met to discuss projects that would be competitive in this process for the City Council's consideration. These projects were also discussed with the advocacy firm. The following suggested prioritization of projects will provide the most competitive opportunity for success in the appropriations process:

1. Shoring Wall and Transit Plaza for the Metro Expo Light Rail Station

With average weekday boardings at the Venice/Robertson Station estimated at 3,156 in 2015 and 4,196 in 2030, , the City and Metro have formulated a parking plan that accommodates all transit station and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) parking on site, via a two level subterranean parking garage. Construction of this proposed garage will require a shoring wall that will safely separate the Expo LRT station from the parking structure and support the related transit development above. The Transit Plaza will connect the TOD to the EXPO LRT and create a pedestrian friendly environment that encourages economic vitality, sustainability and public transportation. The total amount requested is \$6 million.

2. Storm Water Improvement – Dry-Weather Diversion Overland Avenue

The proposed project would design and construct a dry-weather diversion facility near the intersection of Overland Avenue and Farragut Drive to divert dry-weather runoff to the sanitary sewer system for ultimate treatment at the Hyperion Sewage Treatment Plant. The total amount requested is \$2 million.

3. Fire Drill Yard Construction Project

This project would replace the existing Fire Drill Yard, which contains a Training Tower & Classroom/Office on .7 acre, built in 1970. The current facility is used by the Culver City Fire Department along with the County and City of LA Fire Departments and the Cities of Santa Monica and Beverly Hills Fire Departments. Further, both the Culver City Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CCARES) and the City's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) use the Fire Drill Yard. The total amount requested is \$3.75 million.

4. SR-90/I-405 and Slauson Avenue/SR-90 Regional Mobility Improvement Project

The project consists of two components. At the State Route 90 (Marina Freeway) to Interstate 405 (San Diego Freeway) Connection – construction of

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a westbound ramp connection from SR-90 to the southbound I-405; and Slauson Avenue to SR-90 Flyover - construction of a ramp access from westbound Slauson Avenue to westbound SR-90. The project will help address mobility issues on the SR-90 and I-405 to the benefit of the Westside region. The total amount requested is \$13.2 million.

5. Sustainable Streetscape Project

The City will be embarking on a project to revitalize a portion of Washington Boulevard. The project will enhance the neighborhood with new commercial, office and housing units. This project will complement the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified buildings that will be developed in this area and to help sustain “green” technologies. The City will pursue the installation of solar powered streets lights in the area. The total amount requested is \$1 million.

6. Washington Boulevard Median Configuration and Enhancement Project

The proposed project will involve the planning, design and construction of a new median to rehabilitate Washington Boulevard between National Boulevard and Fairfax Avenue. The project will improve roadway pavement, through the redesign of medians to provide left-turn pockets and provide additional roadway width for a bike lane. The total amount requested is \$2 million.

It should also be noted that the City’s Transportation Department plans to be a part of an appropriations requests for new CNG buses through its member organization, the Municipal Transit Operators Coalition (MTOC). Further, Culver City has been requested to provide a letter of support for the Interagency Communications Interoperability System (ICIS) request for a \$250,000 microwave enhancement loop from the City of Beverly Hills’ Walker Drive radio tower site to Oat Mountain in the San Fernando Valley.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no direct fiscal impact, since funds will not be proposed in the City’s budget for Federal Appropriations. Funding is recognized, if and when the funds are eventually received, or when signed documentation by both parties state the absolute receipt of these funds will take place. The latter occurs when the grant is a “reimbursement” type grant. The pursuit of federal appropriations is part of the annual work program as part of the 2009-10 City Budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

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MOTION:

That the City Council:

1A. Approve and authorize the City Manager to submit the proposed projects for consideration for Federal Appropriation for FY 2011/12 and set the priority ranking of these projects as #1 through #6;

OR

1B. Provide other direction to staff as deemed appropriate.