



Council Meeting: April 1, 2008

SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Apply for, Accept, and Appropriate a Grant from the Office of Traffic Safety in the Amount of \$10,000 for Seat Belt Enforcement and Budget Modification No. 42

REPORT IN BRIEF

The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) is seeking Council approval to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) through the Traffic Safety Center at the University of California, Berkeley. The grant monies will provide overtime monies in the amount of \$10,000 for specialized traffic enforcement of seat belt compliance and occupant restraint compliance during the "Click It or Ticket" campaign to be held May 12 - June 1, 2008.

BACKGROUND

The mission of OTS is to obtain and effectively administer traffic safety grant funds to reduce deaths, injuries, and economic losses resulting from traffic related collisions. OTS recently announced that grant funds are available to law enforcement agencies for the 2008 Click It or Ticket Seat Belt Enforcement Mini-grant Program. If awarded, accepted, and appropriated, these funds will be used in direct support of the above stated goal.

EXISTING POLICY

4.1 Law Enforcement Sub-Element

Goal 4.1A: Provide a safe and secure environment for people and property in the community.

Policy 4.1A.5: Facilitate the safe movement of pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles.

Action Statement 4.1A.5g: Participate in activities that enhance the successful detection, apprehension, rehabilitation and prevention of persons driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

Action Statement 4.1A5h: Participate in prevention and enforcement activities directed at minimizing personal injury in traffic collisions.

Policy 4.1D.2: Provide effective and efficient management of Public Safety resources in order to meet the needs of: The community, the internal organization, and those mandated by regional, State, and Federal agencies.

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Action Statement 4.1D.2b: Develop proposals and apply for appropriate governmental grants.

DISCUSSION

Public Safety received notification from OTS encouraging a grant application to fund seat belt enforcement during the CIOT National Mobilization period, May 12 - June 1, 2008. The mini-grant is available for overtime costs to conduct directed patrol for seat belt and safety seat compliance during the mobilization periods.

Each year, OTS funds similar mini-grants. The goal of the national mobilization campaign is to raise public awareness of the importance of wearing a seat belt or using a child safety seat, as well as to reduce the number of people injured and/or killed in vehicle crashes where they were not wearing their seat belts.

FISCAL IMPACT

If Council authorizes DPS to apply for and accept the OTS Click it or Ticket mini-grant, authorization also is needed to appropriate the monies accordingly. Approval of Budget Modification No. 42 will appropriate revenues from the OTS Click it or Ticket mini-grant to a special project. The project will allow DPS to effectively manage the specific costs associated with overtime used for the special enforcement campaign.

Year to date, DPS has successfully applied for and been awarded three other OTS grants totaling \$101,022. Two mini-grants were for DUI enforcement, education, and awareness (\$31,372) and the other was for implementing hand-held ticket writer technology (\$69,650). The budget modification is presented in the following table:

BUDGET MODIFICATION NO. 42
FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

	Current	Increase (Decrease)	Revised
General Fund			
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Office of Traffic Safety Grant	\$101,022	\$10,000	\$111,022
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
New Special Project — Click It or Ticket Campaign (May/June 2008)	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, in the Council Chambers lobby, in the Office of the City Clerk, at the Library, Senior Center, Community Center, and Department of Public Safety; posting the agenda and report on the City's Web site; and making the report available at the Library and the Office of the City Clerk.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Authorize staff to apply for the OTS Click It or Ticket mini-grant for overtime costs for special enforcement during the national campaign, May 12 – June 1, 2008. If the grant is awarded, it will be accepted, Budget Modification No. 42 will be approved, and monies will be appropriated to a special project to finance the associated overtime expenses.
2. Do not authorize staff to apply for the OTS Click It or Ticket mini-grant monies.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Alternative 1: Authorize staff to apply for the OTS Click It or Ticket mini-grant for special enforcement during the national campaign, May 12 – June 1, 2008. If the grant is awarded, it will be accepted, Budget Modification No. 42 will be approved, and monies will be appropriated to a special project to finance overtime costs.

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