



**Council Meeting: May 6, 2008**

**SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Apply for, Accept, and Appropriate a Grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety in the Amount of \$26,500 for In-Pavement Crosswalk Lights and Budget Modification No. 48**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

The Department of Public Works is seeking Council approval to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant through the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). The grant monies will provide funding in the amount \$26,500 for the installation of in-pavement crosswalk warning lights on Cezanne Drive.

**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 public agencies for traffic safety programs and projects. If awarded, accepted and appropriated, these funds will be used in direct support of the above stated goal.

**EXISTING POLICY**

The following documents contain policy direction on this issue:

*Land Use and Transportation Element C3*, Attain a transportation system that is effective, safe, pleasant and convenient.

*Law Enforcement Sub-Element Policy 4.1A.5*, Facilitate the safe movement of pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles.

**DISCUSSION**

The Department of Public Works received notification from OTS encouraging agencies to apply for grant funding for traffic safety programs and projects. Installation of traffic safety devices is an eligible cost under this grant program. The City has an inventory of potential candidate locations for in-pavement crosswalk light systems which is the basis for unfunded Project 900103 – *In-Pavement Lighted Crosswalk Installation*. This inventory identifies a mid-block crossing of Cezanne Drive near the Life's Garden senior residential complex as a candidate location for installation of in-pavement crosswalk lights.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

If Council authorizes the Department of Public Works to apply for and accept the OTS traffic safety funding, authorization is also needed to appropriate the monies accordingly. Approval of Budget Modification No. 48 will appropriate revenues from the OTS grant to a new capital project.

### **BUDGET MODIFICATION NO. 48 FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008**

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Revised</u>
<b>Capital Projects Fund/General Sub-fund</b>			
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Office of Traffic Safety Grant	\$0	\$26,500	\$26,500
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
New Project — Cezanne Drive In-Pavement Crosswalk Lights	\$0	\$26,500	\$26,500

## **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 Office of Traffic Safety grant funds for installation of in pavement crosswalk warning lights on Cezanne Drive. If the grant in the amount of \$26,500 is awarded, authorize acceptance of the grant and Budget Modification No. 48 to appropriate the monies to a capital project to fund the procurement and installation of the in-pavement crosswalk warning lights.
2. Do not take action at this time and forfeit the opportunity to compete for Office of Traffic Safety funds.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends Alternative 1: Authorize staff to apply for the Office of Traffic Safety grant funds for installation of in pavement crosswalk warning lights on Cezanne Drive. If the grant in the amount of \$26,500 is awarded, authorize acceptance of the grant and Budget Modification No. 48 to appropriate the monies to a capital project to fund the procurement and installation of the in-pavement crosswalk warning lights.

Submittal of this grant application is consistent with City policy to improve traffic safety and to pursue and use of intergovernmental funding for planned City projects.

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