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DATE: November 25, 2008
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Robert A. Bauman, Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: Request for Support of ACTIA's Active Transportation Program

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the attached resolution in support of the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority's (ACTIA's) Active Transportation Program.

BACKGROUND

ACTIA is working on a legislative effort to increase the funding portion for non-motorized transportation in the upcoming reauthorization of the federal transportation funding legislation called the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). SAFETEA-LU authorizes the federal surface transportation programs for highways, highway safety, and transit for the five-year period from 2005-2009. In the current SAFETEA-LU legislation, four pilot programs pertaining to non-motorized transportation were funded nationwide; one of the pilot programs included Marin County, which received \$25 million. ACTIA has been working with a steering committee of elected officials, and is now at a point of trying to receive endorsements from local jurisdictions to support this effort in the next transportation act and to request that the amount for the pilot programs be doubled. The Mayor's Conference supported ACTIA's request at its October meeting. As of October 21, the cities of Oakland, Union City, Fremont, Alameda, and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors have all passed resolutions in support of this request. Several other cities, in addition to Hayward, have scheduled this item before their Councils, including Albany, Berkeley, Livermore, Piedmont, and San Leandro. ACTIA is also planning to ask BART and AC Transit for their support.

Consequently, ACTIA is seeking a commitment of \$50 million from the reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU, plus significant local investment from the non-motorized funding provisions in Measure B, the Alameda County one-half-cent sales tax, which was reauthorized in 2000. ACTIA would like to get support from all of the jurisdictions in Alameda County for this effort.

The City of Hayward receives approximately \$400,000 per year from Measure B Funds for bicycle and pedestrian projects. These funds have helped the City provide amenities, such as new sidewalks in various locations and traffic signal improvements for pedestrians, including ADA-accessible pedestrian pushbuttons and countdown pedestrian timers. These improvements are included in the annual Capital Improvement Program adopted by Council in June of each year. The

City has been aggressive in pursuing funding through the Safe Routes to Schools Program and recently was awarded funding, through an approved grant application, to install sidewalks on Berry Avenue.

The City has also been aggressive in pursuing projects that promote bicycle usage. Funds have been approved for bicycle lanes on B and C Streets. Implementation of the Route 238 Corridor Improvement project will provide additional opportunities to implement bicycle projects within and around the outskirts of the downtown area. An Updated Bicycle Master Plan was adopted in September 2007.

If successful, ACTIA's efforts could result in additional funding available to the City for pedestrian and bicycle projects. The promotion of additional walking and biking opportunities would be consistent with one of Council's goals, which is to address climate change. Such strategies are being considered as part of the Climate Action Plan that is currently being developed.

DISCUSSION

In preparing its application for funding of a pilot program, ACTIA notes that, as the second most populous county in the San Francisco Bay Area with 1.5 million people, Alameda County has over 700,000 walk trips and almost 100,000 bike trips every day. Six of the ten most heavily congested freeway corridors in the Bay Area are in Alameda County, and data from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission has shown that delays are on the increase. One of the top ten congested locations is eastbound Highway 92 approaching downtown Hayward, another is northbound I-880 at the Hayward-Union City border.

Through the adopted planning documents (Countywide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plans) and the extensive regional transit systems, ACTIA is committed and ready to close the gaps in the bicycling and walking networks and increase non-motorized transportation opportunities, thereby supporting increases in transportation mode choices and use.

The goals of the proposed Active Transportation Plan are to:

- Advance pedestrian and bicycle access to transit by making it easy and safe to get to transit by walking or biking, which will increase transit ridership at the same time.
- Connect communities with urban greenways by filling the gaps in existing inter-jurisdictional multi-use trails, such as the Bay Trail and the Iron Horse Trail to connect people to jobs, shopping, and schools.
- Build a new East Bay Greenway through the middle of Alameda County, which connects communities to each other and to transit, work, and schools and provides a new green space for communities.
- Inspire the community to walk and bike by expanding the successful Safe Routes to Schools program and develop a new Safe Routes for Seniors program to inspire seniors to feel empowered to walk, and even bike, especially as they transition out of driving.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT

Additional funding that might be made available to the City through this effort could help the City leverage its existing Measure B pedestrian and bicycle funds to apply for additional bicycle and sidewalk projects. If successful in those efforts, additional projects could be funded and community needs met without impacting the General Fund. At this time, it is not possible to estimate any specific additional revenues that might be realized from this effort.

PUBLIC CONTACT

ACTIA has been working with its Citizens Advisory Committee and Citizens Watchdog Committee on this effort. As the City develops its own projects, public meetings would likely be held as part of project development.

SCHEDULE

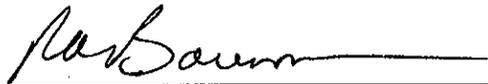
The current SAFETEA-LU will expire September 30, 2009. The reauthorization legislation is expected to be initiated after the new Congress takes office. However, past history has indicated that renewal of federal transportation legislation is rarely completed on time. It is likely the earliest some funds could be realized is 2010; perhaps 2011 is a more realistic timetable.

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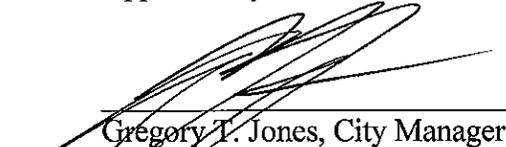
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Approved by:


Gregory T. Jones, City Manager

Attachment: Draft Resolution

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HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 08-_____

Introduced by Council Member _____

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ALAMEDA
COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
AUTHORITY'S (ACTIA) ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) is working on a legislative effort to increase the funding portion for non-motorized transportation in the upcoming re-authorization of the federal transportation funding legislation called the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU); and

WHEREAS, SAFETEA-LU authorizes the federal surface transportation programs for highways, highway safety, and transit for the five-year period from 2005-2009; and

WHEREAS, ACTIA has been working with a steering committee of elected officials, and is now at a point of trying to receive endorsements from local jurisdictions to support this effort in the next transportation act and to request that the amount for the pilot program be doubled; and

WHEREAS, ACTIA is seeking a commitment of \$50 million from the re-authorization or SAFETEA-LU, plus significant local investment from the non-motorized funding provisions in Measure B, which was re-authorized in 2000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hayward receives approximately \$400,000 per year from Measure B funds for bicycle and pedestrian projects and have helped the City provide amenities, such as new sidewalks in various locations and traffic signal improvements for pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, if successful, ACTIA's efforts could result in additional funding available to the City for pedestrian and bicycle projects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward hereby supports the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority's Active Transportation Program.

