

REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council
From the City Manager

April 27, 2009

SUBJECT

Application for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds for the El Camino Real Grand Boulevard and Jefferson Avenue/Roosevelt Avenue Overlay projects.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Adopt a "Resolution of Local Support" to allow staff's application for ARRA funding for the El Camino Real Grand Boulevard and the Jefferson Avenue/Roosevelt Avenue Overlay projects.
2. Authorize, by motion, the City Manager to execute related documents and accept funds if awarded.

BACKGROUND

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act became federal law on February 17, 2009. The ARRA is a \$787 billion package of spending and tax cuts designed to stimulate the national economy. ARRA funds granted to the State are administered by Caltrans, who in turn assigned a significant portion of these funds to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and other regional transportation planning agencies. As the recipient of ARRA funds for this region, MTC has established the priorities for how ARRA funds will be spent in the Bay Area. Locally, MTC will allocate ARRA funds to the City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) to distribute to agencies in San Mateo County.

C/CAG estimates that between \$11.04 and \$13.8 million in ARRA funds will be made available to the 21 agencies in San Mateo County responsible for local street and road projects. C/CAG adopted the same formula to allocate ARRA funds as is used to allocate Measure A funds. Based on this allocation formula, Redwood City's share of ARRA funding is approximately \$1,056,000. On January 18, 2009, C/CAG sent a "call for projects" to all jurisdictions in San Mateo County. Staff responded with a preliminary proposal that identified the El Camino Real Grand Boulevard and the Jefferson Avenue/Roosevelt Avenue Overlay projects for potential ARRA funding. Applicants for ARRA funding are required by MTC to adopt the "Resolution of Local Support".

Projects proposed for ARRA grant funding are as follow.

- El Camino Real Grand Boulevard
This project consists of pedestrian, streetscape, and landscape improvements along approximately 0.1 mile of El Camino Real from Broadway to Brewster.
- Jefferson Avenue/Roosevelt Avenue Overlay
Roadway resurfacing of Jefferson Avenue from Farmhill Boulevard to the county limit and of Roosevelt Avenue from Upton to Alameda.

The primary objective of ARRA funding is to quickly create jobs. Expeditious expenditure of ARRA funding is stipulated in the federal bill and by MTC to achieve the intended objective. Staff is required to submit the projects for approval by Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration. As well, project funding must be obligated by May 31, 2009. Staff is confident that these projects can be readied within the given time period.

ALTERNATIVES

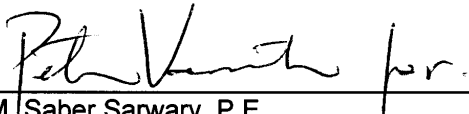
Council may choose to direct staff not to pursue ARRA funding.

FISCAL IMPACT

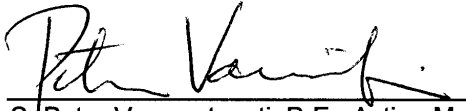
The city's estimated share of ARRA funds is \$1,056,000 if awarded. These funds will be used to augment the existing budgets as approved for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 for the projects as follow.

PROJECT NAME	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	CIP/RDA BUDGET	CMAQ GRANT FUNDING	ESTIMATED ARRA FUNDING
El Camino Grand Boulevard	\$1.8m	\$638k	\$639k	\$523k
Jefferson and Roosevelt Avenue Overlay	\$600k	\$67k	0	\$533k

"CIP" – Capital Improvement Program, "RDA" – Redevelopment Agency, "CMAQ" – Congestion Management and Air Quality, "ARRA" – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009



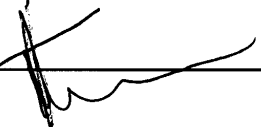
 M. Saber Sarwary, P.E.,
 Supervising Civil Engineer



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 Engineering and Construction Division



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 Community Development Services Director



 Peter Ingram
 City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

"Resolution of Local Support"

RELATED DOCUMENTS IN CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

None

**Resolution of Local Support
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Funding**

Resolution No. _____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR
FEDERAL AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF
2009 (ARRA) FUNDING AND STATING THE ASSURANCE TO
COMPLETE THE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City (herein referred as APPLICANT) is submitting an application to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for approximately \$1,056,000 in funding from the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) for the El Camino Grand Boulevard, Jefferson and Roosevelt Avenue Overlay (herein referred as PROJECT) for the MTC Regional ARRA Program (MTC Resolution No. 3885); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ARRA, and any regulations and/or guidance promulgated thereunder, eligible project sponsors wishing to receive Regional ARRA funds for a project shall submit an application first with the appropriate Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), for review and inclusion in the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the MPO for the nine counties of the San Francisco Bay region; and

WHEREAS, MTC has adopted a Regional Project Funding Delivery Policy (MTC Resolution No. 3606, revised) applicable to federal ARRA fund delivery and has adopted (or is scheduled to adopt) in MTC Resolution No. 3885 such additional requirements as are necessary or appropriate to meet the obligations/award deadlines in the ARRA; and

WHEREAS, APPLICANT is an eligible project sponsor for ARRA funds; and

WHEREAS, as part of the application for ARRA funding, MTC requires a resolution adopted by the responsible implementing agency stating the following:

1) that the sponsor understands that the ARRA funding is fixed at the programmed amount, and therefore any cost increase cannot be expected to be funded with additional ARRA or other MTC-programmed funds; and

2) that PROJECT will comply with the procedures specified in MTC's Regional Project Funding Delivery Policy (MTC Resolution No. 3606, revised) and with all project-specific requirements as set forth in MTC's Regional ARRA Program (MTC Resolution No. 3885); and PROJECT as described in the application, and if approved, as included in MTC's TIP; and

3) that PROJECT will comply with all the project-specific requirements as set

forth in the federal ARRA and appropriate applicable regulations or guidance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Redwood City is authorized to execute and file an application for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for El Camino Grand Boulevard, Jefferson and Roosevelt Avenue Overlay; and be it further ;

RESOLVED that the APPLICANT by adopting this resolution does hereby state that:

1. APPLICANT understands that the ARRA funding for the project is fixed at the MTC approved programmed amount, and that any cost increases must be funded by the APPLICANT from other funds, and that APPLICANT does not expect any cost increases to be funded with additional ARRA or MTC-programmed funds; and
2. APPLICANT understands the funding deadlines associated with these funds and will comply with the applicable provisions and requirements of the Regional ARRA Program (MTC Resolution No. 3885) and Regional Project Funding Delivery Policy (MTC Resolution No. 3606, as revised); and
3. PROJECT will be implemented as described in the complete application and in this resolution and, if approved, for the amount programmed in the MTC federal TIP; and
4. PROJECT will comply with all the project-specific requirements as set forth in the ARRA and appropriate applicable regulations or guidance; and be it further

RESOLVED that there is no legal impediment to APPLICANT making applications for the funds; and be it further

RESOLVED that there is no pending or threatened litigation that might in any way adversely affect the proposed PROJECT, or the ability of APPLICANT to deliver such PROJECT; and be it further

RESOLVED that APPLICANT authorizes its Executive Director, General Manager, or designee to execute and file an application with MTC for ARRA funding for the PROJECT as referenced in this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be transmitted to the MTC in conjunction with the filing of the application; and be it further

RESOLVED that the MTC is requested to support the application for the PROJECT described in the resolution and to include the PROJECT, if approved, in MTC's TIP.

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