SUBJECT: PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION FOR WIDENING HIGHWAY 190 TO FOUR LANES FROM HIGHWAY 99 TO HIGHWAY 65

SOURCE: Department of Public Works

COMMENT: Caltrans is accepting applications for Transportation Planning Grants until November 1, 2002. Staff would like to have a consultant prepare an application to fund preparation of a Project Study Report for the subject project. It is estimated that preparation of a Project Study Report would cost between $25,000 and $50,000. Staff believes that it is in Porterville’s best interest to have a project study report prepared so Porterville will be eligible to apply for construction funding.

Staff received proposals from the following firms to prepare the grant application:

1. Omni-Means, Visalia/Santa Rosa   $2,454.00
2. VRPA Technology, Fresno/San Diego   $3,000.00

Staff has discussed the grant application with the staff of the Tule River Tribal Council and Sierra View District Hospital. They have both indicated that they want to join with the City in this effort and pay a portion of the cost. However, at the time of this writing, they do not have approval from their respective Boards to proceed. Therefore, City staff is asking for funding for the entire amount in case their Boards do not approve funding by the deadline. Staff anticipates that there may be enough incidental expenses to make the total cost $3,000. City staff would like to have City Council approval to proceed with this effort as a joint project.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council take the following actions:

1. Amend the 2002/03 Annual Budget by appropriating $3,000 in Local Transportation Funds to the Highway 190 Project;
2. Award the contract to prepare the application for Transportation Planning Grant funds to Omni-Means;
3. Authorize making the application a joint effort with other community partners;
4. Pass the attached resolution; and
5. Authorize the Mayor to sign the grant application and the resolution.

ATTACHMENT: Resolution
RESOLUTION NO.____-2002

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE APPROVING THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING, STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMUNITY PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE HIGHWAY 190 WIDENING PROJECT STUDY REPORT

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Association of Governments has adopted a Regional Transportation Plan which includes the widening of State Route 190 between State Route 99 to State Route 65; and

WHEREAS, the Circulation Element of the City of Porterville anticipates Highway 190 as a four lane highway; and

WHEREAS, the improvement of Highway 190 to a four lane configuration will increase average vehicle trips at the Highway 190 overpass at SR 65 by more than 20,000 trips per day, thereby greatly increasing access to the Porterville area; and

WHEREAS, by increasing access to the Porterville area, the capacity for local economic development will be enhanced.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Porterville hereby approves the submittal of a Community Planning Grant for the Highway 190 Widening Project Study Report, and authorizes the City Manager to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

ADOPTED this 15th day of October, 2002.

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Gordon T. Woods, Mayor

ATTEST:

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John Longley, City Clerk