



CITY OF HAYWARD
AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE 12/10/02

AGENDA ITEM 8

WORK SESSION ITEM _____

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Authorization to Submit Funding Request to the Alameda County Transportation Authority for Preparation of a Project Study Report for the Route 238 Alternative Project

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council by motion:

1. Authorize the City Manager to submit a funding request to the Alameda County Transportation Authority; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to work with our State representatives to initiate legislation necessary for relinquishment of the state highways to the City; and
3. Establish a Working Group to assist in the Project Study Report process.

DISCUSSION:

With the passage of Measure U and its associated amendment of the General Plan, it is now appropriate to begin the analysis necessary to further define the Route 238 Alternative Project. The expected product of this analysis will be a Project Study Report (PSR), which will build on the conceptual plan developed through the consensus process, and will develop plans with sufficient detail to define right-of-way impacts, environmental issues, construction sequencing, operational analysis, and cost estimate. Based on the Alameda County Transportation Authority's (ACTA) experience with other project development studies, it is anticipated that preparation of the PSR will cost between \$1 and \$1.5 million.

Given the scope and complexity of the 238 Alternative Project, outside professional services will be needed to prepare the PSR. In order to fund these services, staff requests Council authorization to seek funding from ACTA in the amount of \$1.5 million. Preliminary conversations at the staff level indicate that ACTA is receptive to receipt of a funding request, with the understanding that a decision will require action by the Board. It is anticipated the Board can consider a request at its January meeting. As part of such a request, it may be necessary to formally request ACTA to consider a change in the project's sponsor, from Caltrans to the City.

Although Foothill and Mission Boulevards are State highways, Caltrans staff has not voiced objection to a possible change in sponsorship. Caltrans has also responded favorably to staff's inquiry on the possibility of relinquishing the existing state highways (Route 238, Route 92, and Route 185) to the City. Relinquishment is a significant issue since the Alternative Project, as conceptually defined, relies on the use of local standards rather than the highway standards utilized by Caltrans. Relinquishment would eliminate Caltrans involvement in technical decisions regarding design features of the project. Relinquishment is a complicated process, but as a first step, it requires legislative action. Staff is seeking authorization to work with our State representatives to begin the legislative process. The process of relinquishment also has other issues such as bringing facilities up to acceptable standards and future costs of maintenance. These issues will also need to be addressed as part of the project development studies.

Finally, in order to build on the success of the consensus project, as well as a means of getting input through the preparation of the PSR, it is proposed that Council establish a Working Group of seven persons, and that each Councilmember appoint one representative. It is further suggested that, as part of the seven-person Working Group, consideration be given to appointing individuals from the Chamber of Commerce; California State University, Hayward; Hayward Area Planning Association; and Citizens for Alternative Transportation Solutions, as all of these organizations were represented on the consensus group involved with the preparation of the concept plan.

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Jesús Armas
City Manager