

BUSINESS ITEM**STAFF REPORT**

DATE: APRIL 5, 2012
TO: EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
FROM: DAN BOLSTER, SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNER
SUBJECT: LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN FUNDS PROGRAMMING

REQUESTED ACTION

Adopt Resolution 11/12.27 (Attachment A) programming Local Transportation Fund (LTF) bicycle/pedestrian funds as follows:

- \$32,000 to match a \$288,000 El Dorado County Department of Transportation application for Fiscal Year 2012/13 Bicycle Transportation Account grant funding.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with TDA Statute 99233.3, EDCTC has the option to apportion up to two percent of the remaining Local Transportation Fund (after allocation of administration and planning funds) for facilities provided for the exclusive use of pedestrians and bicycles. The current unprogrammed balance of LTF bicycle and pedestrian funds is \$201,225.13.

In accordance with TDA Statute 99234(a), claims for facilities provided for the exclusive use of pedestrians and bicycles shall be filed according to the rules and regulations adopted by the transportation planning agency. EDCTC adopted programming guidelines in September 2007. The adopted guidelines indicate that grant application match funding (for projects included in an adopted bike plan) is the priority use of the LTF bicycle and pedestrian fund source (Attachment B).

DISCUSSION

The Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) program requires a 10% minimum local match. El Dorado County Department of Transportation (EDC DOT) is requesting \$32,000 in LTF bicycle and pedestrian funds to match a \$288,000 FY 2012/13 BTA grant application to design and construct Class II bike lanes on Green Valley Road between Loch Way and the signalized intersection entrance to Pleasant Grove Middle School (Attachment C). The project is included in the El Dorado County Bicycle Transportation Plan as a tier one project. This request is consistent with the EDCTC guidelines for use of LTF bicycle and pedestrian funds.

The current unprogrammed balance of \$201,225.13 will reduce to \$169,225.13 as a result of this programming action. In the event that the grant application is not awarded Bicycle Transportation Account funding, the LTF bicycle and pedestrian funds will revert back to EDCTC as available and unprogrammed.

Approved for Agenda:

Sharon Scherzinger
Executive Director

Attachments: A) Resolution 11/12.27
B) EDCTC Guidelines for Administration of TDA/LTF Article 3 Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding
C) EDC DOT Matching Funds Request Letter



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RESOLUTION 11/12.27

RESOLUTION OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PROGRAMMING LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FUNDS TO MATCH AN EL DORADO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code, Title 7.91, Section 67950, the El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC) was created as a local planning agency to provide regional transportation planning for the area of El Dorado County, exclusive of the Lake Tahoe Basin; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 29532.1(g) identifies EDCTC as the designated regional transportation planning agency for El Dorado County, exclusive of the Lake Tahoe Basin; and

WHEREAS EDCTC is responsible for the planning, allocating, and/or programming of funds; and

WHEREAS, EDCTC is responsible for the administration of Transportation Development Act Funds; and

WHEREAS, EDCTC has accumulated unprogrammed Transportation Development Act Article 3 Local Transportation Funds (LTF) available for Bicycle and Pedestrian projects; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with TDA Statute 99234(a), EDCTC has adopted programming guidelines for use of local bicycle and pedestrian funds; and

WHEREAS, the El Dorado County Department of Transportation is submitting a Bicycle Transportation Account grant application to construct Class II bike lanes on Green Valley Road from Loch Way to the signalized entrance to Pleasant Grove Middle School; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that EDCTC has approved the programming of LTF bicycle and pedestrian funds in the amount of \$32,000 to the El Dorado County Department of Transportation for use as local match for a Bicycle Transportation Account grant, should grant funding be awarded.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the El Dorado County Transportation Commission at their regular meeting on April 5, 2012 by the following vote:

Vote Pending

Attest:

James R. "Jack" Sweeney, Chairperson

Joni G. Rice, Secretary to the Commission



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GUIDELINES FOR ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND ARTICLE 3 PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE FUNDING

ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 2007

TDA STATUTE

1. In accordance with TDA Statute 99233.3, EDCTC has the option to apportion up to 2 percent of the remaining Local Transportation Fund (after allocation of administration and planning) to the City and County for facilities provided for the exclusive use of pedestrians and bicycles.
2. Of the amount made available to the City and County, 5 percent thereof may be expended to supplement moneys from other sources to fund bicycle safety education programs.
3. Funds shall be allocated in accordance with requirements described in TDA Statute 99234, Claims for Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities as follows:
 - (a) Claims for facilities provided for the exclusive use of pedestrians and bicycles or for bicycle safety education programs shall be filed according to the rules and regulations adopted by the transportation-planning agency.
 - (b) The money shall be allocated for the construction, including related engineering expenses, of those facilities pursuant to procedures or criteria established by the transportation-planning agency for the area within its jurisdiction, or for bicycle safety education programs.
 - (c) The money may be allocated for the maintenance of bicycling trails, which are closed to motorized traffic pursuant to procedures or criteria established by the transportation-planning agency for the area within its jurisdiction.
 - (d) The money may be allocated without respect to Section 99231 and shall not be included in determining the apportionments to a city or county for purposes of Sections 99233.7 to 99233.9, inclusive.
 - (e) Facilities provided for the use of bicycles may include projects that serve the needs of commuting bicyclists, including, but not limited to, new trails serving major transportation corridors, secure bicycle parking at employment centers, park-and-ride lots, and transit terminals where other funds are unavailable.
 - (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a planning agency established in Title 7.1 (commencing with Section 66500) of the Government Code may allocate the money to the Association of Bay Area Governments for activities required by Chapter 11 (commencing with Section 5850) of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code.
 - (g) Within 30 days after receiving a request for a review from any city or county, the transportation-planning agency shall review its allocations made pursuant to Section 99233.3.
 - (h) In addition to the purposes authorized in this section, a portion of the amount available to a city or county pursuant to Section 99233.3 may be allocated to develop a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian facilities plan, with an emphasis on bicycle projects intended to accommodate bicycle commuters rather than recreational bicycle users. An allocation under this subdivision may not be made more than once every five years.

- (i) Up to 20 percent of the amount available each year to a city or county pursuant to Section 99233.3 may be allocated to re-stripe class II bicycle lanes.

EDCTC FUNDING AND PROGRAMMING HISTORY

- For the last four fiscal years, the annual allocation to the Pedestrian and Bicycle account has steadily increased from \$53,738 in FY 2003/04 to \$75,240 in FY 2007/08.
- Over the past several years, this fund source has been used for a variety of bike/ped projects, both City and County, for the El Dorado Trail Crossing of Highway 50, El Dorado Trail extension, and as matching funds for Bicycle Transportation Account Funding.

EDCTC RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR USE OF TDA ARTICLE 3 PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE FUNDING, IN PRIORITY ORDER

1. Projects shall be:
 - Included in an adopted Bicycle Transportation Plan, Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, Transit Plan, or Pedestrian Plan, as applicable
 - Endorsed by a Council or Board, as applicable
2. The primary use of this fund source shall be as matching funds for projects that are either grant funded or have a significant contribution by a local agency, i.e. Bicycle Transportation Account Funding, or other fund source.
3. The funding may be used to augment ongoing construction projects, i.e. a road rehabilitation or construction project that requires additional funding for bicycle, pedestrian facilities or signage.
4. The funding may be used to for minor bicycle and pedestrian projects as follows:
 - For installation of bicycle racks or lockers
 - For installation of bicycle and pedestrian signage for bicycle routes, school zones and park and ride lots
 - For crosswalk striping, pedestrian refuges, minor bicycle lane striping
 - For maintenance of existing bicycle or pedestrian facilities
5. The funding may be used to supplement moneys from other sources to fund bicycle safety education programs.



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March 26, 2012

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El Dorado County Transportation Commission
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Dear Sharon:

El Dorado County DOT is requesting \$32,000 for the EDCTC Local Transportation Fund (LTF) for the required ten percent local match for the 2012/13 Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) state funding program. DOT is resubmitting the project that was submitted for a 2011/12 BTA grant which was not selected for funding at that time. The EDCTC Commission programmed \$32,000 for the BTA local match on March 3, 2011 (see Resolution 10/11.23). The proposed BTA project is to design and construct Class II bike lanes on Green Valley Road between Loch Way and the signalized entrance to Pleasant Grove Middle School. The total project cost estimate is: \$320,000.

Applications for FY 2012/13 BTA are due April 27, 2012. The application requires an adopted resolution committing the local agency to the local match. We are requesting that this funding request be taken to the EDCTC Board at the April 5th meeting. If this funding request is approved by the Board, please provide a copy of the EDCTC executed resolution to Anne Novotny by April 12th to be included with the BTA grant application. Following is a more detailed description of the proposed BTA bicycle facility project:

Green Valley Road Class II Bikeway (Phase 2): The project is located between the El Dorado County communities of El Dorado Hills and Cameron Park. The project proposes to design and construct 4-foot wide Class II bike lanes along both sides of Green Valley Road between Loch Way and the signalized entrance to Pleasant Grove Middle School for an approximate length of 2.8 miles. The project would include: shoulder widening, pavement striping, markings and signs on both sides of the roadway. This project is proposed as Phase 2 of the ultimate project to provide a Class II Bikeway facility from Cameron Park Drive to the El Dorado/Sacramento County Line (approximately 5.3 miles). The Phase 2 project is on the highest priority list of the all the Tier 1 projects in the El Dorado County Bicycle Transportation Plan adopted November 9, 2010. Phase 1, which was completed in 2008 with a BTA grant awarded in 2006 and local match funds from EDCTC, constructed Class II bike lanes from the El Dorado County/ Sacramento County Line to Francisco Drive, and from Cameron Park Drive to the signalized entrance to Pleasant Grove Middle School. The final Phase 3 (from Loch Way to Francisco Drive) will be completed as part of future County CIP projects to widen Green Valley Road.

Thank you for your consideration of this request for local match funding. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Novotny of my staff at (530) 621-5931.

Sincerely,


Kimberly A. Kerr, Interim Director
Director of Transportation