

**TOWN OF
APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

AGENDA MATTER

Subject Item:

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT FOR PHASE 1 OF THE BEAR VALLEY ROAD BIKE PATH PROJECT

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Caltrans has issued a call for projects for the 2011/12 Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA). The program funds projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters. There is a \$7.2 million in funding available and the maximum funding request allowed is \$1.8 million. There is a 10% required local match.

We propose to construct a Class I bike path that will tie into the existing Class I bike path at the intersection of Apple Valley Road and Bear Valley Road, and will continue westerly toward Victorville in the parkway area between the curb and an existing wall. The bike path will continue to the Bear Valley Road Mojave River Bridge at the Mojave River. The Project (Phase 2) includes the construction of a separate bike path bridge attached to the north side of the Bear Valley Road Bridge. It will continue into Victorville, from the west side of the bridge, north of the north curb line along Bear Valley Road, until it connects into the Victor Valley College at Fish Hatchery Road. This project is proposed in two phases. Phase 1 is the bike path along Bear Valley Road from Apple Valley Road to the Victor Valley College, excluding the bicycle bridge portion. The bicycle bridge will be the second phase.

BTA projects are required to be in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by the application submittal date; therefore, we are requesting funding for Phase 1 only. Staff will work closely with SanBag for the funding options for Phase 2. It is anticipated that Phase 2 will be funded with Local Transportation Funds distributed by SanBag. Award announcements will occur after enactment of the 2011/12 State budget. If Apple Valley is successful, staff will work with Victorville to cost share on the match.

Recommended Action:

1. That the Town Council Adopt Resolution No. 2011-08.
2. Adopt finding of a Class 1 Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301c, Class 1 for the installation of a Class 1 Bike Path within the existing Right-of-Way along Bear Valley Road, from Apple Valley Road to Fish Hatchery Road, excluding the section of the Mojave River Bridge.

Proposed by: Engineering Division Item Number _____

T. M. Approval: _____ Budgeted Item Yes No N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT FOR PHASE 1 OF THE BEAR VALLEY ROAD BIKE PATH PROJECT

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) Bicycle Facilities Unity administers the Bicycle Transportation Account program which provides State funds for city and county projects that improve the safety and convenience for bicycle commuters; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Apple Valley desires to provide bicycle facilities that offer safety and convenience to its bicycle commuters; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Apple Valley wishes to submit an application to the Bicycle Transportation Account program for funding to construct Phase 1 of the Bear Valley Bike Path Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Apple Valley's proposed project will be matched by funds from the Measure I Local Pass-through account in the amount of \$42,930 toward the total project cost of \$429,295 for Phase 1; and

WHEREAS, all contracts relating to the application for State Bicycle Transportation Account Grant Funds shall be approved by the Town Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley hereby:

1. Authorizes the filing of an application for the State Bicycle Transportation Account; and
2. Certifies that the Town of Apple Valley has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and
3. Appoints the Town Manager as agent of the Town of Apple Valley to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project, and
4. Approves the use of \$42,930 from the Measure I Local Pass-Through Fund for the grant matching requirement.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of March, 2011.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK



TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: The Town of Apple Valley
14955 Dale Evans Parkway
Apple Valley, CA 92307

X Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of San Bernardino
385 No. Arrowhead, 2nd Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Project Title : Bear Valley Road Class I Bike Path (Phase 1 only).
Project Location - Specific: North side of Bear Valley Road from Apple Valley Road to Victor Valley College.

Project Location: Apple Valley & Victorville San Bernardino
(City) (County)

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Construction of a Class I Bike Path will tie into an existing Class I bike path located at the intersection of Apple Valley Road and Bear Valley Road and will continue westerly toward Victorville in the parkway area between the curb and an existing wall.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Town of Apple Valley
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Town of Apple Valley

Exempt Status: (check one)
Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)).
X Categorical Exemption (Section 15301c, Class 1)
Statutory Exemption (Section 15061 (b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt since it can be seen that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment as the project involves the minor alteration of existing public facilities to accommodate a Class I bike path within existing right-of-way for Phase 1.

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Contact Person Telephone Number

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Date Received for Filing:

Signature Date Title
Carol Miller 2-24-11 Senior Planner