

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Doug Monn, Interim Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA)
DATE: April 5, 2005

NEEDS: For the City Council to consider adopting Resolution No. 05-xx authorizing staff to apply for a Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) Grant and to authorize a match for the grant.

- FACTS:**
1. The City has received notice from San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) that there is \$2.4 million available for programming new projects.
 2. Eligible projects are summarized below with details outlined in Attachment A:
 - a. Pedestrian or bike facilities
 - b. Safety and educational activities bikes/peds
 - c. Acquisition of scenic sites
 - d. Scenic or Historic highway programs
 - e. Landscaping/scenic beautification
 - f. Historic preservation
 - g. Historic transportation rehabilitation
 - h. Rails to Trails (Conserve Rail Corridors)
 - i. Outdoor advertising removal
 - j. Archaeology planning/research
 - k. Environmental Mitigation for runoff pollution
 - l. Establish Transportation Museum
 3. SLOCOG staff will be using the following criteria to screen and rank all candidate projects
 - a. Must be consistent with the 2005 RTP project listing and policies
 - b. Proposals not to exceed a funding request of \$600,000
 - c. Evidence of local board authorization to submit application
 - d. Evidence of local board authorization securing "non-federal" local match (minimum 12.5%)
 - e. Identification of long-term maintenance commitments where applicable (e.g. landscaping, lighting)

**ANALYSIS
AND**

CONCLUSION: Staff proposes that the City submit the following projects:

Improve bike lanes at South Vine Street	\$ 600,000
Complete bike path "gap" from south of Veteran's Memorial Bridge to the northerly end of Woodland Plaza II	\$ 500,000
Prepare final design of bike path from Navajo to Creston Road and construct first phase	\$ 600,000

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IMPACT: TEA Grant application requires a match of 12.5% per project.

OPTIONS: a. Adopt Resolution No. 05-xx to:

- 1) Authorize staff to submit the projects stated in the staff report for a TEA Grant; and
- 2) Appropriate matching funds as needed when the candidate project(s) are accepted by SLOCOG

b. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

Attachments (2)

- 1) Copy of TEA Grant details
- 2) Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 05-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT
GRANT FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZING MATCHING FUNDS

WHEREAS, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) has an estimated \$2,400,000 available for programming under the Transportation Enhancement Activities; and

WHEREAS, the Grant requires 12.5% matching funds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby authorize staff to submit applications for the TEA Grant.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby commit to providing 12.5 % matching funds for each project accepted by SLOCOG.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 5th day of April 2005 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk

Attachment A - Eligible TEA Funding Activities

1. **Provision of facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians.**

Only special projects beyond ordinary street sidewalks will be considered. The facility must meet all design standards of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

Examples:

- Construction of bicycle or pedestrian facilities
- Pedestrian streetscape improvements
- Bicycle parking racks

2. **Provision of safety and educational activities for bicyclists and pedestrians.**

These projects include non-construction safety-related activities and the reasonable costs to provide safety and educational activities such as bike/pedestrian safety training, cost of facilitators and classes.

Example:

- Safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists

3. **Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites.**

This TE activity includes the purchase of scenic easements for the "viewshed" of a highway designated as a "scenic road or byway." The scenic easement must encompass the entire view as seen from a moving vehicle on the roadway, must remove all advertising of any kind within view, must provide for permanent ownership of the scenic easement by the public entity making the application, and meet any and all Federal requirements for Right-of Way acquisition. The scenic easement must also restrict all future use of the property to ensure the scenic easement will be kept in the correct condition to continue to qualify as a scenic easement. The purchase of a historic site may be considered a complete "stand-alone" project. To be eligible, it must have an approved linkage to historic transportation. Also, the applicant must provide for the perpetual maintenance of the site. The site's historic value must be preserved.

Examples:

- Acquisition of right of way on a scenic byway route or parkway
- A scenic or historic site that improves the aesthetic, historic, or environmental aspects of the transportation system

4. **Scenic or historic highway programs (including the provision of tourists and welcome center facilities).**

A project in this category can be applied only to a roadway that has been designated a "scenic byway" by both the State of Mississippi and the Federal Highway Administration; OR, a roadway that has been designated as an historic road or trail by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History or the US Department of the Interior. Tourist and welcome center projects must be along roadways designated as scenic or historic or have adequate linkage to historic or scenic transportation criteria in the immediate vicinity.

Examples:

- Restoration of historic roadway
- Facilities for visitor appreciation, or interpretative plaques on historic highways

5. **Landscaping and other scenic beautification.**

This category includes landscape planning, design and installation projects that improve the appearance or ecology of transportation related facilities.

This can not be treatment of an existing transportation facility that is designed as ordinary erosion control.

Example: • Landscaping of roadways or interchanges

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