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**COUNCIL TRANSMITTAL:**

Transmitted herewith, is a Board Memorandum adopted by the Agency Board on February 4, 2010, for City Council review and approval in accordance with the "Community Redevelopment Agency Oversight Ordinance" entitled:

**VARIOUS ACTIONS RELATED TO:**

RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF FOUR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING FY2010-11 GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR UP TO \$998,000 TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND APPROVAL OF MATCHING FUNDING OF UP TO \$99,800

DOWNTOWN, EAST VALLEY, HOLLYWOOD & CENTRAL, SOUTH LOS ANGELES REGIONS  
(CD 6, 7, 8, 10, 14)

**RECOMMENDATION**

That City Council approve(s) recommendation(s) on the attached Board Memorandum.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The grant application is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Article 18, section 15262 of the CRA/LA CEQA Guidelines

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

There is no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund, as a result of this action.

Calvin E. Hollis, Interim Chief Executive Officer

cc: Alan Alietti, Office of the City Clerk (Original & 3 Copies on 3-hole punch)  
Lisa Johnson Smith, Office of the CAO  
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 4, 2010 CI99990  
TO: CRA/LA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CR6990  
FROM: CALVIN E. HOLLIS, INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER CS9990  
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PC6400

RESPONSIBLE PARTIES: SANDY PADILLA, SPECIAL PROJECTS OFFICER  
JEFFRY CARPENTER, CITY PLANNER

SUBJECT: RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF FOUR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING FY2010-11 GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR UP TO \$998,000 TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND APPROVAL OF MATCHING FUNDING OF UP TO \$99,800

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RECOMMENDATION

That the CRA/LA Board of Commissioners, subject to City Council review and approval:

1. Adopt, and request that the City Council adopt, resolutions that authorize the submittal of four applications for Caltrans Transportation Planning FY2010-11 grant funds for a total amount up to \$998,000 to fund transportation planning studies and, if awarded funds, authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to negotiate and execute all necessary contracts and agreements to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the applications; and
2. Authorize a 10% match of up to \$99,800 in tax increment funds from the Downtown (\$20,000), East Valley (\$55,000), Hollywood & Central (\$12,400), and South Los Angeles (\$12,400) regions to fund the transportation planning studies for projects within each of the regions; and
3. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to negotiate and execute consultant contracts and subcontracts in an amount not to exceed \$1,097,800 to complete the transportation planning studies.

**SUMMARY**

On December 1, 2009, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) released a Request for Proposals for Transportation Planning Grants. The purpose of the program is to fund transportation improvements that enhance mobility, access, economic vitality, and environmental protection. Transportation Planning Grants support close placement of housing and employment, efficient movement of goods, community involvement, pedestrian and bicycle mobility and access, smart and strategic land use decisions, and commuting alternatives. The Caltrans Transportation Grants are comprised of six programs. If authorized, CRA/LA staff will be submitting four applications for two of those programs: Community-Based Transportation Planning and Environmental Justice Planning.

The Community-Based Transportation Planning (CBTP) grant program provides funding to coordinate transportation and land-use planning projects that encourage community involvement and partnership. Projects must support livable/sustainable community concepts with a transportation or mobility objective and promote community identity and quality of life. Environmental Justice (EJ) planning grants are intended to promote the involvement of low-income and minority communities, and Native American Tribal Governments, in planning for transportation projects to prevent or mitigate disproportionate, negative impacts while improving their mobility, access, safety, and opportunities for affordable housing and economic development.

CRA/LA staff coordinated an internal call for projects for Caltrans Transportation Planning Grants by contacting all CRA/LA Regional Administrators and Project Managers about the grant opportunity on December 4, 2009 and requesting that interested parties submit a one-page grant proposal to the Capital Finance Department by December 18, 2009. The Department received nine proposals from the Downtown, East Valley, Hollywood & Central, South Los Angeles, and West Valley Regions. The Department and Transportation Programs Coordinator reviewed the proposals to ensure they met minimum grant requirements. All nine grant proposals were forwarded to the CRA/LA Executive Management Team for review. Four of the nine grant proposals were selected to continue with the application process. (Please see Table 1)

**Table 1. CRA/LA Projects**

Project Title	Council District	Grant Type	Match Required	Funding Request	Total Project Cost
1 Clean Tech Regional Goods Movement Transportation Improvements	CD 14: Huizar	Environmental Justice	\$20,000	\$200,000	\$220,000
2 Addressing Low-Income Residential and Heavy Industrial Uses in Pacoima and Panorama City	CD 6: Cardenas	Environmental Justice	\$25,000	\$250,000	\$275,000
3 Improving Linkages from the Van Nuys Amtrak/Metrolink to Van Nuys Boulevard	CD 7: Alarcon	Community-Based	\$30,000	\$300,000	\$330,000
4 Realizing the Economic and Community Development Potentials of the Crenshaw Subway	CD 8: Parks CD 10: Wesson	Environmental Justice	\$24,800	\$248,000	\$272,800
			\$99,800	\$998,000	\$1,097,800

The Caltrans Transportation Planning grant application requires a resolution for each of the four projects. According to Caltrans, the resolutions must be made by the governing board of the grant applicant and must name the title of the person (i.e. CRA/LA CEO) authorized to enter into a

contract with Caltrans on behalf of the applicant. The local resolution is a critical part of the grant application package and must be enacted by the application deadline, which is April 1, 2010.

## RE

Initial Action

## SOURCE OF FUNDS

Central Industrial, Crenshaw Slauson, Mid-City, and Pacoima / Panorama City Tax Increment – to fund only planning activities within each of the project areas from which the funds are generated.

## PROGRAM AND BUDGET IMPACT

The recommended action could result in the potential receipt of up to \$998,000 in Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant proceeds. These funds would be available on a reimbursement basis, most likely beginning in Fiscal Year 2011. The grant contract expires in February 2013 and all final invoices must be submitted to Caltrans by May 2013 for reimbursement. If awarded Caltrans Transportation Planning Grants, an additional \$99,800 in Tax Increment will be committed as local matching funds. The \$99,800 match will be funded from the proposed Fiscal Year 2011, 2012 and/or 2013. Budget. (See Attachment A for the breakdown of matching funds by project.)

## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The grant application is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Article 18, section 15262 of the CRA/LA CEQA Guidelines.

## BACKGROUND

The Caltrans Transportation Planning Grants will provide critical funds for planning studies that can be utilized to secure future design, engineering and capital construction funding, such as the 2011 Metro Call for Projects. This action is in support of Strategic Plan Objective 3.2: Diversify Revenue. The four project summaries follow:

1. Clean Tech Regional Goods Movement Transportation Improvements  
The purpose of this planning initiative is to continue work performed by the CRA/LA CleanTech Infrastructure Consultant and the Urban Land Institute study. There is a need for long-term improvements on the I-10 freeway interchanges, Santa Fe and Mateo Street on and off ramps, and Alameda Street.
2. Addressing Low-Income Residential and Heavy Industrial Uses in Pacoima and Panorama City. This initiative will focus on an area along Branford Street, between the Golden State Freeway (I-5) and Glenoaks Boulevard. This area has been selected because, over time, low-income residential and heavy industrial uses have co-located and intensified next to one another. This initiative will work to identify improvements, programs, and strategies that ameliorate the challenges burdening a transportation system that was never designed to cope with current intense traffic-generating uses and the problems associated with the proximity of residential and industrial development.

3. Improving Linkages from the Van Nuys Amtrak/MetroLink to Van Nuys Boulevard:

This initiative will focus on an area along Van Nuys Boulevard, from the Van Nuys Amtrak/MetroLink Station to Nordhoff Street. This area has been selected because it is a key transportation corridor, connecting the Van Nuys Amtrak/MetroLink station to the very heavily used Van Nuys Boulevard corridor that runs through the Panorama City community. This initiative will focus on identifying improvements, programs, and strategies that improve pedestrian safety and ameliorate lack of sufficient amenities that currently burden the bus rider constituency within Panorama City.

4. Realizing the Economic and Community Development Potentials of the Crenshaw Subway:

This project proposal extends the approved Mid-City Crenshaw Vision and Implementation Plan along Crenshaw Boulevard south to the City boundary at 78th Street. It will also build upon the Leimert Park Visioning Plan adopted by CRA/LA's Board of Commissioners. The Crenshaw Transit Corridors Project is a major regional rail transit line that has been envisioned to promote regional mobility, promote job creation, improve access to jobs and spur economic development within the West Adams, Baldwin Hills, Leimert Park and Hyde Park community areas.

Calvin E. Hollis  
Interim Chief Executive Officer

By



Glenn F. Wasserman  
Chief Operating Officer

There is no conflict of interest known to me that exists with regard to any CRA/LA officer or employee concerning this action.

Attachment A – List of CRA/LA Projects Submitting Grant Applications  
Attachment B – Packet of Resolutions Authorizing CRA/LA to Submit Applications

**Caltrans Transportation Planning Grants FY10-11  
CRA/LA Projects**

Project Title	CRA/LA Region	Council District	Grant Type	Source of Match Funds	Match Required	Funding Request	Total Project Cost
1 Clean Tech Regional Goods Movement Transportation Improvements	Downtown	CD 14: Huizar	Environmental Justice	Central Industrial Tax Increment	\$20,000	\$200,000	\$220,000
2 Addressing Low-Income Residential and Heavy Industrial Uses in Pacoima and Panorama City	East Valley	CD 6: Cardenas	Environmental Justice	Pacoima / Panorama City Tax Increment	\$25,000	\$250,000	\$275,000
3 Improving Linkages from the Van Nuys Amtrak/Metrolink to Van Nuys Boulevard	East Valley	CD 7: Alarcon	Community-Based	Pacoima / Panorama City Tax Increment	\$30,000	\$300,000	\$330,000
4 Realizing the Economic and Community Development Potentials of the Crenshaw Subway	South LA and Hollywood & Central	CD 8: Parks CD 10: Wesson	Environmental Justice	Crenshaw Slauson and Mid-City Tax Increment	\$24,800	\$248,000	\$272,800
					<b>\$99,800</b>	<b>\$998,000</b>	<b>\$1,097,800</b>

ATTACHMENT A



ATTACHMENT B

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A CALTRANS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS).

WHEREAS, the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (the "CRA/LA") is engaged in redevelopment and revitalization of the **Central Industrial Project Area** (the "Project Area"); and

WHEREAS, the CRA/LA recognizes that it is in the interest of the City and State to support transportation improvements that enhance mobility, access, economic vitality, and environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, the CRA/LA intends to use the grant proceeds if awarded to fund a planning study about **Clean Tech Regional Goods Movement Transportation Improvements** in the Project Area; and

WHEREAS, the CRA/LA intends to fund the Project, in part, with local matching funds from Project Area Tax Increment; and

THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA DO HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the CRA/LA Chief Executive Officer, or designee, is authorized to apply to Caltrans for a Caltrans Transportation Planning Environmental Justice grant for Clean Tech Regional Goods Movement Transportation Improvements.
2. That the CRA/LA Chief Executive Officer, or designee, is also authorized and empowered to execute all necessary contracts and agreements and conduct all negotiations for all documents, including but not limited to contracts, subcontracts, applications, agreements, extensions, renewals, payment requests, and/or amendments of funding provided by Caltrans which may be necessary for the completion of the Project.
3. That the CRA/LA Chief Executive Officer, or designee, is authorized to commit local matching funds from Project Area Tax Increment.

ADOPTED BY THE CRA/LA: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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WHEREAS, the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (the "CRA/LA") is engaged in redevelopment and revitalization of the **Pacoima/Panorama City Project Area** (the "Project Area"); and

WHEREAS, the CRA/LA recognizes that it is in the interest of the City and State to support transportation improvements that enhance mobility, access, economic vitality, and environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, the CRA/LA intends to use the grant proceeds if awarded to fund a planning study about **Addressing Low-Income Residential and Heavy Industrial Uses in Pacoima and Panorama City** in the Project Area; and

WHEREAS, the CRA/LA intends to fund the Project, in part, with local matching funds from Project Area Tax Increment; and

THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA DO HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the CRA/LA Chief Executive Officer, or designee, is authorized to apply to Caltrans for a Caltrans Transportation Planning Environmental Justice grant for Addressing Low-Income Residential and Heavy Industrial Uses in Pacoima and Panorama City.
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WHEREAS, the CRA/LA intends to use the grant proceeds if awarded to fund a planning study about **Improving Linkages from the Van Nuys Amtrak/MetroLink to Van Nuys Boulevard** in the Project Area; and

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THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA DO HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the CRA/LA Chief Executive Officer, or designee, is authorized to apply to Caltrans for a Caltrans Transportation Planning Community-Based grant for Improving Linkages from the Van Nuys Amtrak/MetroLink to Van Nuys Boulevard.
2. That the CRA/LA Chief Executive Officer, or designee, is also authorized and empowered to execute all necessary contracts and agreements and conduct all negotiations for all documents, including but not limited to contracts, subcontracts, applications, agreements, extensions, renewals, payment requests, and/or amendments of funding provided by Caltrans which may be necessary for the completion of the Project.
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WHEREAS, the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (the "CRA/LA") is engaged in redevelopment and revitalization of the **Crenshaw Slauson and Mid-City Project Area** (the "Project Area"); and

WHEREAS, the CRA/LA recognizes that it is in the interest of the City and State to support transportation improvements that enhance mobility, access, economic vitality, and environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, the CRA/LA intends to use the grant proceeds if awarded to fund a planning study about **Realizing the Economic and Community Development Potentials of the Crenshaw Subway** in the Project Area; and

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