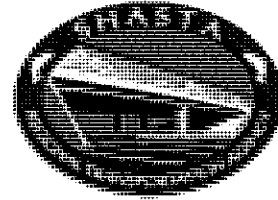


STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	12/20/12
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. 12-14 Supporting the City of Redding's 2012/13 Environmental Enhancement & Mitigation (EEM) Grant Application for Non-Motorized Infrastructure Improvements
AGENDA ITEM:	5-4
STAFF CONTACT:	Daniel Wayne

SUMMARY:

An Environmental Enhancement & Mitigation (EEM) grant application for non-motorized infrastructure improvements in Downtown Redding is being prepared by the city of Redding (Redding). A resolution of the board endorsing the project and committing a portion of the agency's Proposition 84 funds for planning purposes will enhance the competitiveness of Redding's application.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the board adopt Resolution No. 12-14, endorsing the City of Redding's 2012/13 Environmental Enhancement & Mitigation (EEM) grant application and pledging technical assistance related to the planning and construction of proposed non-motorized infrastructure improvements.

DISCUSSION:

City and local business stakeholders wish to enhance non-motorized connections between Downtown Redding, the Sacramento River Trail, and Turtle Bay Exploration Park. The first phase of this effort will focus on physical improvements between the Sacramento River Trail at the Diestelhorst Bridge and the south side of the Eureka Way/State Route 299 Bridge (see attached project location map). The project scope includes a combination of new Class I (dedicated pathway) and Class II (on-street) facilities as well as enhanced access under the Benton Drive Bridge, the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge, and the State Route 299/Eureka Way Bridge.

Each year the EEM program provides \$10 million statewide and up to \$350,000 per proposal for projects that help mitigate the environmental impact of new or modified transportation facilities. Redding's proposal for non-motorized infrastructure improvements meets program eligibility criteria and is consistent with SRTA's Regional Transportation Plan. Furthermore, the agency recently received Proposition 84 grant funds for planning and conceptual design work specific to the proposed project.

ALTERNATIVES:

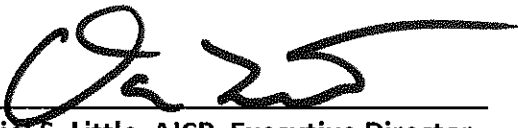
The board may decline to endorse Redding's EEM proposal. A supporting resolution by the SRTA board is not required for Redding to submit a grant application, but would enhance the proposal's competitiveness.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The California Natural Resources Agency sets EEM program evaluation criteria and submits a list of project recommendations to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for funding. Redding will lead the application process and, if selected for funding, would contract with the State of California and provide all necessary project management, environmental impact assessment, and construction related duties. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) concurs with the staff recommendation.

FINANCING:

An endorsement of Redding's EEM grant application will result in no net fiscal impact to the agency. Proposition 84 grant funds in the 2012/13 Overall Work Program (Work Element 701.07) will reimburse the agency for all anticipated planning and technical assistance.

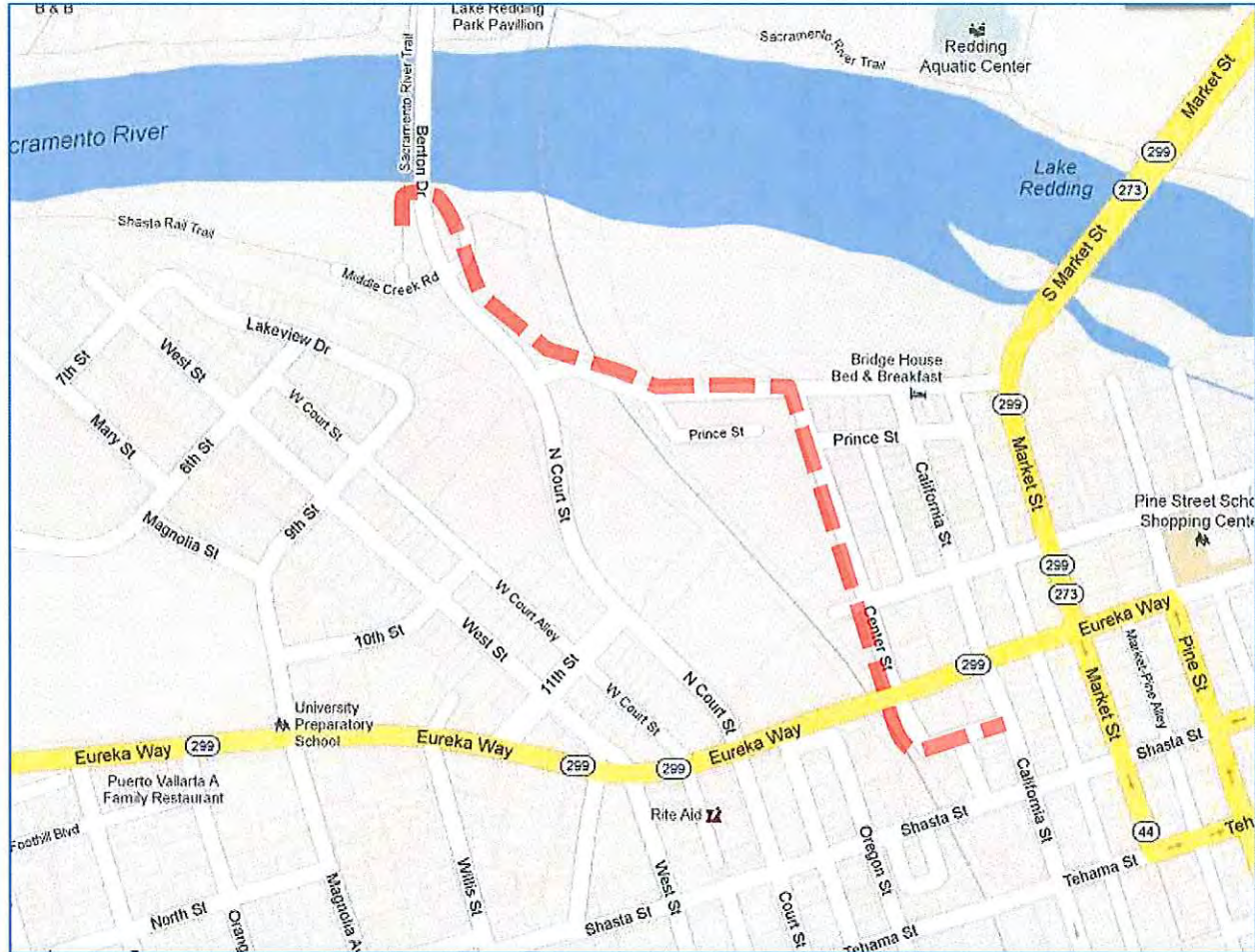
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Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director

Attachments:

Project Location Map
Resolution 12-14

Attachment A: Project Location Map



 = LOCATION OF PROPOSED NON-MOTORIZED INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENTS
(Details and final design to be determined by the City of Redding)

RESOLUTION



RESOLUTION NUMBER:	12-14
SUBJECT:	Support for the City of Redding's 2012/13 Environmental Enhancement & Mitigation (EEM) Grant Proposal for Non-Motorized Infrastructure Enhancements

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California has enacted AB 471 (Chapter 106 of the Statutes of 1989), which provides \$10 million annually for grants to local, state and federal agencies and nonprofit entities for projects that mitigate the environmental impacts of modified or new transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Agency has established the procedures and criteria for reviewing grant proposals and will submit a list of projects to the California Transportation Commission for award; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redding will lead the preparation and submittal of a 2012/13 EEM grant proposal for non-motorized infrastructure enhancements in Downtown Redding for the purpose of mitigating increased traffic on State Route 299/Eureka Way as a result of improvements to meet Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) minimum requirements for large trucks; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redding's proposed scope of work is consistent with the Shasta County Regional Transportation Plan goals, objectives, and policies; and

WHEREAS, the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency received Proposition 84 grant funds to help plan the City of Redding's proposed non-motorized transportation infrastructure enhancements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency supports the City of Redding in applying for grant assistance for non-motorized transportation infrastructure improvements via the 2012/13 EEM Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency shall provide all reasonable assistance to the City of Redding for the planning and delivery of proposed non-motorized transportation infrastructure improvements.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of December, 2012, by the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency.

Leonard Moty, Chair
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency