

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster, California

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Date: March 23, 2010

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Brian S. Ludicke, Planning Director

Subject: **Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant - Authorizing Resolution**

Recommendation:

Adopt **Resolution No. 10-15** , authorizing the City Manager or his designee to apply for a Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant (CBTPG) from the California Department of Transportation for the Southeast Transit Village Planning Area (STVPA), and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute all documents relative to the grant.

Fiscal Impact: Maximum local match of \$22,500.00 if grant is awarded.

Background: The City has established through its General Plan a transit village development district around the Metrolink Station. This planning area, first established in 2001, has been part of the basis for more focused planning efforts, including the North Downtown Transit Village Vision Plan and the Downtown Lancaster Specific Plan. As part of the most recent General Plan adopted in July 2009, the area east of the Metrolink Station has been designated as “mixed use”. There has been interest by the Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) in the long-term potential for creating a transportation hub in the vicinity of the Metrolink Station, as well as the City’s interest in the concept of planning for the development of transit-oriented housing and supportive uses in the area east and south (Southeast Transit Village Planning Area) of the Metrolink Station.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) administers a number of grant programs to assist in long-term planning for efficient transportation and land use. The CBTP funds efforts to plan for integrating land use and transportation actions to create “livable communities”, which is in line with the City’s long-term desires regarding the STVPA. Maximum amount of funding available is \$300,000.00, with a required local match. Staff is currently finalizing the application, including coordination with Metrolink and AVTA.

The grant application requires that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the staff member who can enter into any agreements or contracts concerning the grant. The attached resolution would establish that person as the City Manager or his designee.

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Attachment:

Resolution No. 10-15