

**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Lancaster**

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Date: March 27, 2012

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Brian S. Ludicke, Planning Director

Subject: **Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Transit Oriented Development Grant Program - Authorizing Resolution**

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**Recommendation:**

Adopt **Resolution No. 12-15**, authorizing the City Manager to apply for a Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) 2012 Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Grant Program to fund creation of a new TOD Overlay Zone, and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute all documents relative to the grant.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the grant, as no matching funds are required.

**Background:**

The Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Grant Program provides Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority funds to encourage local governments to develop and adopt land use regulations that promote sustainable, transit-oriented design principles. TOD projects take advantage of proximity and access to public transit through appropriate density, reduced reliance upon private automobiles, and enhanced walkability. The total grant program is \$1 million. The City is anticipating a grant award of approximately \$150,000, and no matching funds are required.

The City of Lancaster has a vision for a Livable Community, which includes health, safety, economic vitality, and sustainability. Staff proposes creating a TOD Overlay Zone adjacent to the Lancaster Metrolink Station to further this vision. The TOD benefits the general health and welfare of the inhabitant of the City by fulfilling existing housing, transportation and employment needs. The adoption of this TOD Overlay is consistent with other significant plans adopted by the City, including the Downtown Lancaster Specific Plan, Design Guidelines, and the Master Plan of Trails and Bikeways.

The grant application requires that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the staff member who can sign the grant application. The attached resolution would establish that person as the City Manager.

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**Attachment:**

Resolution No. 12-15