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Date: October 09, 2012

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Robert C. Neal, Director of Public Works

Subject: **Avenue K-8 Bike Facilities Improvements**
Bicycle Transportation Account Grant Funds

Recommendation:

Approve the use of \$858,237.00 in California Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) funding and create Capital Improvement Project Avenue K-8 Bike Facilities Improvements (15BW007).

Appropriate \$858,237.00 in BTA funds to Capital Improvement Budget Account No. 399-15BW007-924, \$100,000.00 in TDA Article 3 funds to Capital Improvement Budget Account No. 208-15BW007-924 and \$75,000.00 in Proposition 42 funds to Capital Improvement Budget Account No. 252-15BW007-924. Increase estimated revenues by \$858,237.00 in account 399-3302104 for the BTA Grant funds

Fiscal Impact:

With these actions, sufficient funds are available in Capital Improvements Budget Account Nos. 399-15BW007-924; 208-15BW007-924 and 252-15BW007-924 to complete the improvements. The grant requires a match in the amount of \$175,000.00. There are sufficient funds available in TDA Article 3 and Proposition 42 fund balance to meet this requirement.

Background:

The Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) program is an annual program providing state funds to improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters with focus on functional commuting needs and physical safety improvements.

On February 27, 2012, Caltrans announced the 2012-2013 Bicycle Transportation Account Call for Projects for the state-legislated BTA program, in which \$11.9 million dollars in funds was available. On September 25, 2012, Caltrans announced that 39 project applications were selected for funding. The City of Lancaster project was awarded the highest amount of BTA funds amongst all successful grant applications. The City of Lancaster was awarded funding for the Avenue K-8 Bike Facilities Improvements. These improvements will include the widening and restriping of Avenue K-8, beyond the limits of the SR14 bridge, to accommodate Class II bike lanes, the modification of the 10th Street West and Avenue K-8 intersection with signal video detection for bicycles, resurfacing, striping and lighting improvements of the bikeway between 10th Street West and Sierra Highway, and a new signal at Sierra Highway and Avenue K-8.

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