



REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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CONSENT

September 5, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

**Title: Grant: Support a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant for the
Development of Ninos Parkway Phase III**

Location/Council District: Ninos Parkway between Edmonton Drive and West El
Camino Avenue, Council District 1

Recommendation: Adopt two **Resolutions:** 1) supporting the development of a
Recreational Trails Program Grant up to \$200,000 for the development of Ninos
Parkway Phase III and 2) authorizing the City Manager or designated appointee to
execute all necessary agreements, establish related revenue and expenditure budgets
for the grant funds and appropriate the grant funds contingent on receipt of award.

Contact: Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172; Jonathan Rewers, Parks
and Recreation Analyst, 808-7590

Presenters: Not applicable.

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Administration

Organization No: 4511

Description/Analysis

Issue: The Parks and Recreation Programming Guide (PRPG) identifies and
prioritizes unfunded parks and recreation capital project needs. There are
insufficient resources to implement all the projects identified through the PRPG
process.

Park Development Impact Fees, Quimby-In-Lieu Fees and Landscape and
Lighting Assessment Funds are the major sources of park and recreation
development, repair and renovation funding. Unfortunately, these sources are
limited and in some cases are designated to specific areas or for specific
purposes. Thus, there are areas in the City, such as areas that are built-out that
have limited revenue sources for new facility development or necessary repairs
and renovation.

Capital grants from State or Federal sources allow the City to secure funding for "priority" or "opportunity" PRPG projects, when there are insufficient City funds available to deliver the project as proposed in the PRPG.

Policy Considerations: Applying for capital grant funding is consistent with the policies in City Council adopted the *2005-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan* including:

Policy 6.6: Actively pursue grants, donations and sponsorships from the public, private and nonprofit sectors.

Policy 6.12: Base budget priorities on timely issues or needs, and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Parks and Recreation Programming Guide (PRPG) as adopted by the City Council.

In addition, applying for capital grants is an element in the **Implementation Strategies** section of the City Council adopted the *2005-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan* which states:

Implementation 6.3: Resource Development: Conduct research, develop strategies and execute fiscal projects for short and long term priority needs, including grants and partnerships, fiscal planning, budget forecasting, problem solving, auditing and reporting.

Providing Parks and Recreation facilities is consistent with the City's strategic plan to achieve sustainability and livability and to expand economic development throughout the City.

Committee/Commission Action: The Parks and Recreation Commission supported staff's recommendation at its August 3, 2006 meeting.

Environmental Considerations: Support for capital grant proposals does not constitute a "project" and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15601(b)(3) of the CEQA guidelines.

Rationale for Recommendation: After reviewing a number of projects in the *2004 and Draft 2006 Parks and Recreation Programming Guides (PRPG)*, staff is recommending that a proposal be prepared for development of **Ninos Parkway Phase III**. The proposed project will develop parkway trail elements from Strauch Park south to West El Camino Avenue connecting the trail corridor from San Juan Road (Phase II project) to West El Camino.

Ninos Parkway was identified as a "priority" project in the 2004 PRPG, and is now an "opportunity" project in the Draft 2006 PRPG (pending City Council adoption). The proposed project is competitive for funding in that it meets the following criteria of the grant program:

- It is in an area without trails or will help complete an important trail system,
- It addresses an identified deficiency,
- It will connect to or be part of a trail system,
- It will have major linkages to population centers or gathering areas,
- It is projected to be a high use facility,
- It will be easily accessible,
- It is of a Sustainable Design,
- It provides for a multitude of recreational trail uses or corridor sharing,
- It included stakeholders in the planning and implementation of the project, and
- The Project is consistent with other plans.

Staff is requesting that the City Manager be authorized to accept the grant funds if awarded, allowing staff to respond to granting agencies immediately upon announcement of a grant award.

Financial Considerations: Staff will be requesting up to \$200,000 from the Recreational Trails Program. As part of the recent reappropriation of the Recreational Trails Program, the match requirement has been reduced from 20% of the total project budget to 12% of the total project budget. Thus, a maximum award of \$200,000 (88%) will require a match of \$27,273 (12%). Matching funds for the Ninos Parkway Project will come from a grant funds secured by the City Department of Transportation and existing Capital Improvement Program funds in the Ninos Parkway CIP, HC61. The Recreational Trails Program does not accept other costs, such as indirect rate charges; therefore, the City's contribution to the grant-funded project may exceed the required match amount.

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to establish related revenue and expenditure budgets for the grant funds and appropriate the grant funds contingent on receipt of award. Staff will return to Council if there is any significant change in requested dollar amounts, either grant or match.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Not applicable.

Respectfully Submitted by: *Lori Harder*
for ROBERT G. OVERSTREET II
Director of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:

Cassandra H. B. Jennings
RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

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Background:

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a competitive grant program and provides funds annually for recreational trails and trail-related projects. The RTP is administered at the federal level by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and at the state level by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). Under RTP, funds may be used for maintenance and restoration, development and rehabilitation of trail facilities, purchase and/or lease of recreational trail equipment, acquisition of easements and construction of new trails. Staff anticipates \$5 million will be available in the 2006 round of the program.

The City's current success rate at securing Recreational Trails Program grant funds is 60%. Currently, the City has three Recreational Trails Program Grants for the following projects:

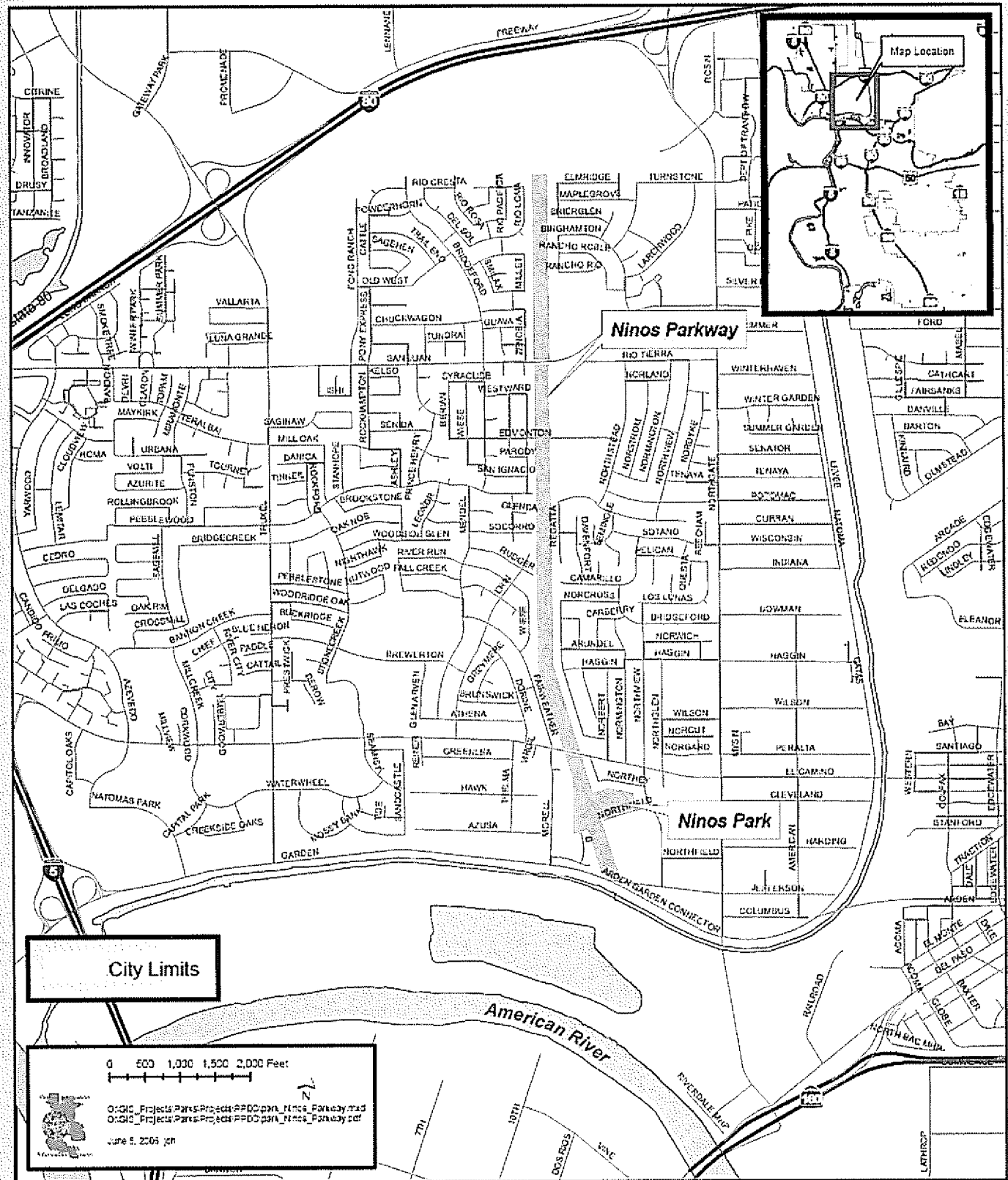
North Laguna Wildlife Area Walking Trail Development	\$120,000
North Laguna Wildlife Area Biketrail Rehabilitation	\$119,341
Ninos Parkway Development Phase II	\$150,000.



City of Sacramento

Department of Parks and Recreation

Ninos Parkway



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APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM

BACKGROUND:

- A. The "Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users" provides funds to the State of California for Grants to state, local and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trail purposes.
- B. The State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing Project Application under the program.
- C. Said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said Application(s) to the State.
- D. The Applicant will enter into a Contract with the State of California to complete the Project(s).

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. Approves the filing of an Application for the Recreational Trails Program.
- Section 2. Certifies that said Applicant has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the Project(s) included in this Application, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project(s).
- Section 3. Certifies that the Grantee has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Procedural Guide.
- Section 4. Appoints the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Director of Parks and Recreation or Support Services Manager as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the Project.

Section 5. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

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AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNATED APPOINTEE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS, ESTABLISH RELATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR THE GRANT FUNDS AND APPROPRIATE THE GRANT FUNDS CONTINGENT ON RECEIPT OF AWARD ASSOCIATED WITH THE 2006 RECREATIONAL TRIALS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE NINOS PARKWAY PHASE III PROJECT

BACKGROUND

- A. The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a competitive grant program and provides funds annually for recreational trails and trail-related projects.
- B. The Recreational Trails Program match requirement of 12% will come from grant funds secured by the City Department of Transportation and existing Capital Improvement Program funds in the Ninos Parkway CIP, HC61.
- C. The Recreational Trails Program does not accept other costs, such as indirect rate charges; therefore, the City's contribution to the grant-funded project may exceed the required match amount.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. Appoints the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Director of Parks and Recreation or Support Services Manager as agent of the City of Sacramento to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.
- Section 2. Authorizes the City Manager to execute all necessary agreements, establish related revenue and expenditure budgets for the grant funds and appropriate the grant funds contingent on receipt of award.
- Section 3. Staff will return to Council if there is any significant change in requested dollar amounts, either grant or match.