

# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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Consent  
August 22, 2006

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title:** Caltrans Grant: Swanston Station Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Urban Design Plan (PN: TE01)

**Location/Council District:** The area around the Swanston Light Rail Station. Location map – Exhibit A of Resolution. (Districts 2 and 3)

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution** 1) authorizing the Department of Transportation to apply for, and accept a Caltrans Planning Grant; and 2) authorizing and directing the Director of Transportation to execute an agreement with Caltrans for the Swanston Station Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Urban Design Plan (PN: TE01)

**Contact:** Brian Abbanat, Associate Planner, 808-7584; Theresa Arnold, Special Projects Engineer, 808-5514

**Presenters:** None

**Department:** Planning /Transportation

**Division:** Transportation Planning /Engineering Services

**Organization No:** 4912

### Description/Analysis

**Issue:** This report requests approval to apply for and accept a Caltrans Planning Grant and to enter into an agreement with Caltrans for \$140,000 for the Swanston Station Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Urban Design Plan.

**Policy Considerations:** Leveraging of local funds with state funding is consistent with Council policy on the use of local funds. The Swanston Station project is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan goal to promote and support economic vitality by investing in infrastructure development to support sustainable growth.

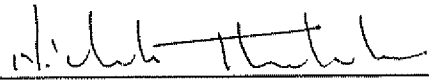


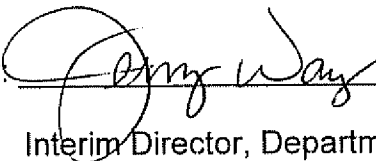
**Environmental Considerations:** This activity is not considered a project as defined by Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines. The activity does not involve physical construction and has no potential to cause a significant impact on the environment (CEQA Section 15061(b) (3)).

**Rationale for Recommendation:** Authorization to submit an application, accept a grant and enter into an agreement with Caltrans is required to receive state funding for the project.

**Financial Considerations:** The Swanston Station Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Urban Design Plan project (PN: TE01) has a budget of \$838,534. Appropriating \$140,000 in state funds for this grant (Fund 512) will increase the project budget to \$978,534. The twenty percent required local match is already in the project budget.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** Not applicable as no goods or services are being purchased.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
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Engineering Services Manager

Approved by:   
Jerry Way  
Interim Director, Department of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:

  
RAY KERRIDGE  
for City Manager

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## **Attachment 1**

### **Background Information:**

The goal of the Swanston Station Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Urban Design Plan is to advance a set of transit-oriented development (TOD) land use recommendations for the Swanston Station. The grant was sought to promote implementation of the conceptual TOD vision contained in the Transit for Livable Communities (TLC) project completed by Regional Transit in collaboration with the City and various stakeholders. The first proposed project component would identify and evaluate the facility upgrades necessary to implement TLC in the Swanston Station Area. The second component will provide urban design and streetscape recommendations to enhance the area and encourage pedestrian access to the Swanston Station. An outreach program is also planned to invite public participation and input from community members and local officials.

**Attachment 2**

**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**CALTRANS GRANT: SWANSTON STATION INFRASTRUCTURE  
NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND URBAN DESIGN PLAN (PN: TE01)**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The Swanston Station Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Urban Design Plan advances a set of transit-oriented development (TOD) land use recommendations for the Swanston Station.
- B. The project will identify and evaluate the facility upgrades necessary to implement Transit for Livable Communities (TLC) in the Swanston Station Area. Additionally, it will provide urban design and streetscape recommendations to enhance the area and encourage pedestrian access to the Swanston Station. A public participation program has been designed to procure and integrate input from community members and local officials.

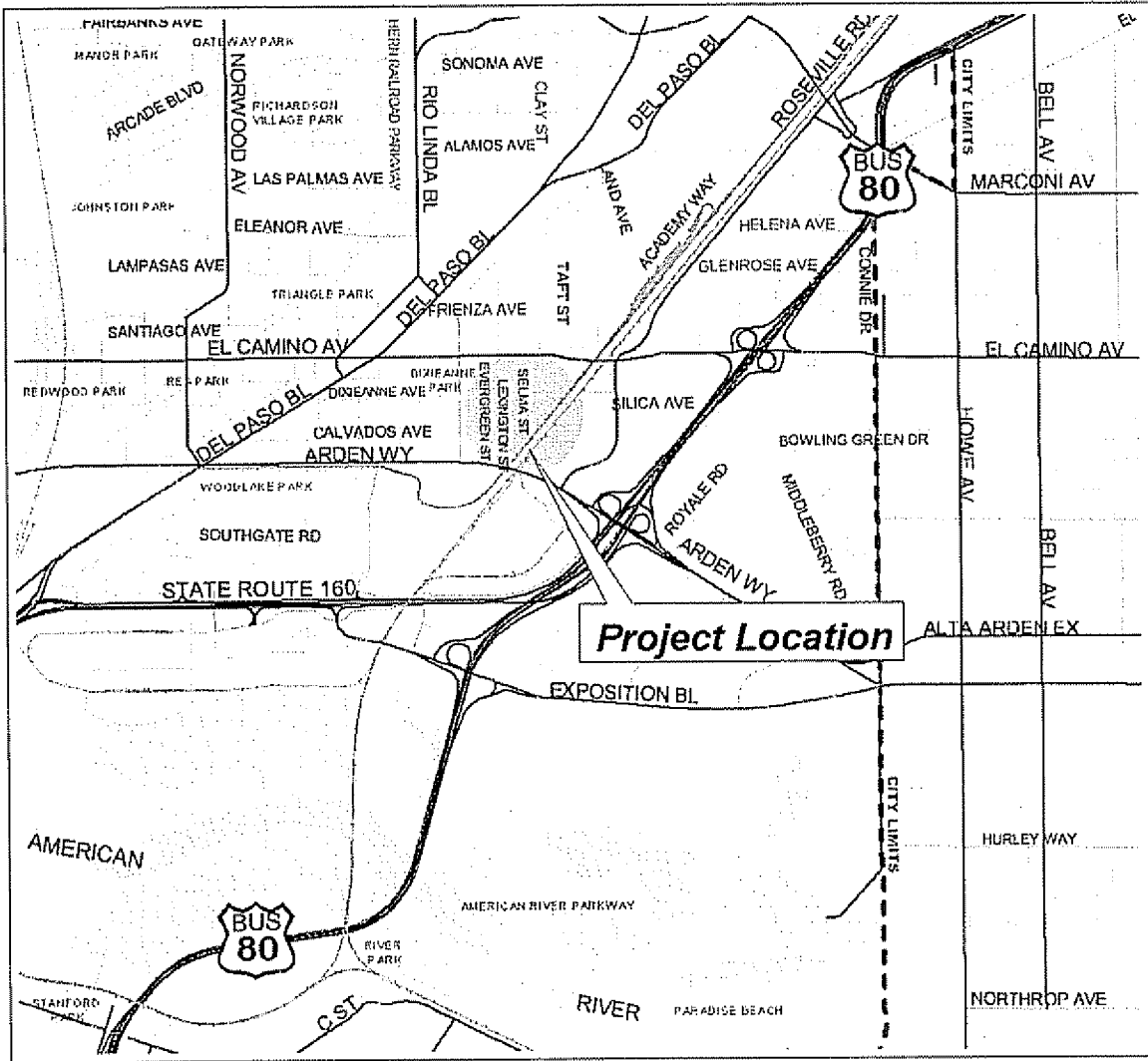
**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The Director of Transportation is authorized to apply for a Caltrans Community Based Transportation Planning grant for the Swanston Station Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Urban Design Plan (PN: TE01). The required local match of \$35,000 has previously been appropriated to the project.
- Section 2. The Director of Transportation is authorized to take all necessary steps to secure the grant funds from Caltrans to provide funds for the project.
- Section 3. The City Council authorizes the City of Sacramento to accept a grant up to \$140,000 for the Swanston Station project, and for the Director of Transportation to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents with Caltrans, including but not limited to contracts, subcontracts, applications, agreements, extensions, renewals, payment requests, and amendments of funding provided by Caltrans, which may be necessary for the completion of the project.

Section 4. The FY06/07 Capital Improvement Program revenue and expenditure budgets are amended by appropriating \$140,000 in state funds (Fund 512) to the Swanston Station Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Urban Design Plan (PN: TE01), when the appropriate funding documents are executed.

EXHIBIT A

Location Map for  
Swanston LRT Station  
Infrastructure Needs Assessment Plan  
(PN: TE01)



Department of  
**TRANSPORTATION**  
City of San Francisco

Map Contact: S Tobin  
Map Date: July, 2006

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