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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT:** South Natomas Comprehensive Transportation Systems  
Management Grant Proposal (M-541)

SUMMARY

The U.S. Department of Transportation is soliciting letters of interest for a Comprehensive Transportation Systems Management (TSM) grant. This is a new, one-time grant that was created by utilizing left-over funds from a number of different federal programs. As a result of Regional Transit's present financial inability to provide permanent expanded transit services to the South Natomas area, staffs from various agencies have attempted to formulate a program to promote utilization of other alternative transportation modes by these residents. This federal grant represents a potential funding source to initiate these alternative transportation programs.

The proposed TSM grant is requesting federal funds to initiate buspool, vanpool, carpool, community level shuttle services, and to provide bicycle facilities within South Natomas. The City's proposed participation in this program would be to develop on-street bicycle lanes, a bicycle on-ramp, and bicycle storage lockers at a major transit stop within South Natomas. The \$4,950 per year local match required to fund these bicycle projects is designated to be taken from that portion of the City's Gas Tax fund which is set aside for bicycle improvement projects. Actual commitment of these funds for the scheduled bicycle projects within South Natomas, however, won't be required until the letter of interest is selected as a candidate project and the terms of the actual grant contract are negotiated.

Staff is requesting that the Council review the merits of this preliminary grant proposal and to endorse its submittal to the U.S. Department of Transportation. This item is also scheduled to be heard by the Budget and Finance Committee on February 24. This letter of interest for the TSM grant is scheduled to be sent to the U.S. Department of Transportation on February 27. Endorsements from the South Natomas Community Association, the Capitol Bicycle Commuters Association, the Regional Transit Board and the SACOG Board are also expected.

**APPROVED**  
BY THE CITY COUNCIL

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Due to the inability of Regional Transit to guarantee transit services to the South Natomas community on a long-term basis, staff from a number of different agencies has prepared a Comprehensive Transportation Systems Management grant proposal to the Federal Department of Transportation as a means of soliciting funds to provide other alternative transportation mode facilities and services. This is a one-time grant that is being funded by three federal agencies (FHWA, UMTA, and NHTSA). The community of South Natomas was selected because it is a new community designed at relatively high densities with minimum street capacities, based on the assumption that residents would use alternative transportation modes at a higher than normal level due to its close proximity to the Central City.

The matching fund requirements for the overall grant are a two-thirds local match for a one-third federal match. This grant proposal is being compiled by SACOG and they will distribute funds to the various agencies if the letter of interest is selected as a candidate project and once the grant proposal is finalized.

The grant proposal contains five components: community design, transit services, ridesharing facilities and services, bicycle facilities, and promotion and evaluation efforts. The community design component essentially reflects the City's past efforts towards increasing residential densities in South Natomas in order to develop primarily a transit oriented community. This component is not proposed for funding under this grant since planning and subdivision review efforts are already provided by the City. The transit component will describe the provision of expanded transit services to South Natomas for a one-year period with a State funded transit grant. Unfortunately funding for extending this new transit service is not an eligible item under this grant, therefore, additional funding is not requested.

The proposed grant components for which federal funds are requested include the ridesharing, bicycle, and promotional components of this proposal. The Caltrans Ridesharing office proposes to provide the facilities and services to form buspools, vanpools, carpools, and a community level shuttle service for South Natomas. The City is targeted to provide additional bicycle facilities such as striping bicycle lanes, providing a bicycle on-ramp to connect bicycle routes, and secure bicycle storage lockers at a transit stop within South Natomas. The State Department of General Services is proposing to purchase 10 bicycle lockers (20 bicycle capacity) which will be located within State parking lots and assigned to those State employees who live in South Natomas and are willing to bicycle to work on a regular basis. The South Natomas Community Association will provide promotional and administrative support services for all of the alternative transportation facility operation.



The City of Sacramento's participation in the bicycle facilities' component of this grant proposal includes the following items and costs:

1. Striping and signing bicycle lanes along Truxel Road and West El Camino Avenue . . . . .	\$ 8,000
2. Providing a bicycle on-ramp for southbound traffic from Northgate Boulevard to the American River/ Sacramento Northern Bicycle Trail . . . . .	1,500
3. Providing six bicycle lockers (12 bicycle capacity) at a major transit stop within the community. (The South Natomas Community Association will administer the distribution and maintenance of these lockers) . . . . .	2,400
4. Traffic Engineering staff salary for implementation of these proposed projects . . . . .	<u>3,000</u>
Total . . . . .	\$14,900
City grant match required per year:	\$4,950
Federal grant funds provided per year:	\$2,500

The bicycle facility improvements as proposed were closely coordinated with the Traffic Engineering Department, the Capitol Bicycle Commuters Association, and the South Natomas Community Association.

FINANCIAL DATA

The proposed source of the City's grant match requirements is from one percent of the State Gas Tax revenues the City receives annually. Based on last year's budget of \$48,000 from this funding source, the proposed per year match of \$4,950 represents a 10 percent commitment of Gas Tax bicycle funds each year for a two-year period in order to receive a total \$5,000 federal grant. Final City approval for use of these funds as a source of the required match will not be required until the letter of interest to be submitted by SACOG is selected as a candidate project under this grant. Therefore, the funding information detailed above is provided to give notice to the Council of the potential financial impact to the City which may occur if this preliminary grant submittal is accepted as proposed.

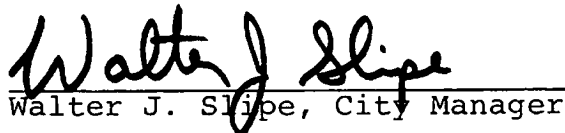
RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Council conceptually endorse the content and submittal of this letter of interest for receipt of a Comprehensive Transportation Systems Management grant for South Natomas to the U.S. Department of Transportation by adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marty Van Duyn  
Planning Director

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

  
Walter J. Slupe, City Manager

MVD:SP:bw  
Attachments  
M-541

February 24, 1981  
All Districts

**RESOLUTION No. *CC 81-134***

**Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of**

February 24, 1981

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMITTAL OF THE  
COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS  
MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT PROPOSAL  
(M-541)**

WHEREAS, the South Natomas Community Plan was designed to reduce the dependence upon the private automobile as the primary mode of travel by providing alternative transportation facilities and incentives; and

WHEREAS, the South Natomas Community Plan anticipated that alternative transportation facilities and services would be provided during the development of this residential area, so that residents would develop the habit of using such modes rather than the private automobile; and

WHEREAS, the proximity of the South Natomas Community (2½ miles) to the major regional employment area known as the Central City was assumed to facilitate a high use of alternative transportation modes by these residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento, as well as other local and State agencies, are limited financially in their ability to provide the level of alternative transportation facilities and services demanded by South Natomas residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sacramento:

That the City supports the submittal of a comprehensive Transportation Systems Management Assistance grant proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation to request federal funding for development of alternative transportation facilities and services within the South Natomas community.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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