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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: NATOMAS MAIN DRAINAGE CANAL BIKEWAY/PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT (PN:HA62) - RATIFICATION OF NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND ADOPTION OF THE MITIGATION REPORTING PLAN, PROJECT APPROVAL, AUTHORIZATION TO RECEIVE BIDS, AND APPROVAL OF JOINT USE AGREEMENT WITH RECLAMATION DISTRICT 1000

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Natomas Main Drainage Canal (River Plaza Drive to West El Camino Avenue) in Council District 1

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends that the City Council:

- Adopt the attached resolution to ratify the Negative Declaration and adopt the Mitigation Reporting Plan;
- Approve the plans and specifications for the Natomas Main Drainage Canal Bikeway/Pedestrian Bridge Project (PN:HA62);
- Authorize the City Clerk to advertise and receive bids;
- Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Joint Use Agreement with Reclamation District 1000.

CONTACT PERSON: Ken Grehm, Associate Engineer, 264-7531

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: March 14, 1995

SUMMARY:

This project will construct a bikeway along the East side of the Natomas Main Drainage Canal from River Plaza Drive to West El Camino Avenue with a connection to Unity Way and place a premanufactured pedestrian bridge across the canal linking the bikeway to



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the Leroy Greene Middle School. The project will provide increased pedestrian safety and neighborhood enhancement.

Approval of a Joint Use Agreement with Reclamation District 1000 is required to obtain a legal easement for the property required to construct the bikeway and bridge. Reclamation District 1000 has imposed several conditions on the City in this Agreement. These conditions are explained in the Policy Consideration section of this report. It is also requested that the City Council ratify the Negative Declaration and adopt the Mitigation Reporting Program.

Plans and specifications for the Natomas Main Drainage Canal Bikeway/Pedestrian Bridge project have been prepared. Approval of the plans and specifications, authorization to advertise for bids is recommended.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Leroy Greene Middle School was opened to students in the Fall of 1994. Most of the students attending the school must cross the Natomas Drainage Canal to attend school. Currently, Garden Highway and West El Camino Avenue are the only two crossings over the canal in the vicinity of the school and both of them are narrow roadways with no pedestrian improvements (sidewalks). The construction of the bikeway is proposed to provide a safe pedestrian/bike route and crossing over the drainage canal that is consistent with the South Natomas Community Plan. The Community Plan shows a network of bikeways for recreational and commuter use. A bikeway along the Main Drainage Canal is a major component of this plan to link various areas of the Natomas community with each other and the downtown area.

The Natomas Main Drainage Canal is under the authority of Reclamation District 1000. In order to construct the bikeway, a Joint Use Agreement with the District is required. The District has agreed to grant a joint use from River Plaza Drive to Interstate 80 at no cost, but several conditions have been placed on the City. These conditions are described in the Policy Considerations section of this report.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The engineer's estimated construction cost is \$250,000.

The estimated total project cost, including all planning, design and construction costs, is \$300,000. This bikeway project is part of the improvements listed in the South Natomas Facilities Benefit Assessment (FBA) Area. Currently, insufficient FBA funds are available for this project. South Natomas Community Infrastructure Funds (SNCIF) will be used to construct this project now with the stipulation that FBA funds will reimburse SNCIF Funds when they become available. SNCIF and FBA funds are collected from

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developers in the South Natomas area to be used for improvements in the South Natomas area. The existing project budget is \$305,000 in South Natomas Community Infrastructure Funds (SNCIF). As of February, 1995, this project had a balance of \$284,937.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

In accordance with State Guidelines for implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, an initial study was performed (dated July 12, 1994). As a result of this study, the Environmental Coordinator has determined that the proposed project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and a Negative Declaration (Exhibit A) was prepared. A copy of the Mitigation Reporting Plan is included as Exhibit B. The Negative Declaration was submitted to the State Clearinghouse and a Public Notice of the project was placed in the Sacramento Bee. No comments were received.

A Negative Declaration for the Natomas Main Drainage Canal Bikeway/Pedestrian Bridge Project will be filed with the County Recorder of the County of Sacramento after project approval has been granted by City Council.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Several conditions are placed on the City by Reclamation District 1000, in exchange for a no cost easement along the drainage canal. These conditions may impose future financial responsibilities on the City. The following conditions are included in the agreement:

1. The bikeway and bridge easement is subordinate to the District's drainage, flood control and reclamation use of the canal property. Should the District ever determine that it is necessary to remove, relocate or reconstruct the bridge or bikeway to accommodate a necessary district operation, the City will be responsible for doing the necessary work at the City's cost.
2. A 3 foot high post and cable fence is proposed to be constructed between the bikeway and the canal. The City has the obligation of constructing a higher chainlink fence adjacent to the Biketrail and the Bridge if the District or the City determine that it is necessary for public safety or other reasons.
3. The City agrees to hold the District harmless for any claims arising from use of the bike trail and bridge.
4. The City agrees to maintain the bike trail and bridge at its own cost, including litter pickup and weed control.

Approval of bid advertisement is consistent with Title 58 of the Sacramento City Code.

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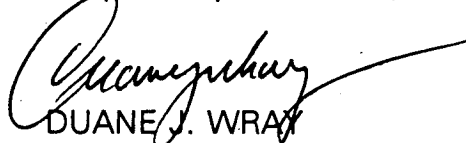
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MBE/WBE:

To encourage minority participation, plans and specifications will be sent to 9 plan rooms and construction services organization for publication. Four are directly involved with MBE/WBE construction firms. Staff will actively recruit available MBE/WBE firms to participate in the bid process. The project will also be announced on the City of Sacramento Project Information Line which contains information on Public Works and Utility Department projects. Project notices were sent to 29 organizations involved in MBE/WBE recruitment.

Respectfully submitted,



DUANE J. WRAY
Manager, Architecture and Engineering Division

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED: APPROVED:

WILLIAM H. EDGAR
City Manager

MICHAEL KASHIWAGI
Deputy Director of Public Works

RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

**RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE NATOMAS MAIN DRAINAGE CANAL
BIKEWAY/PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT NEGATIVE DECLARATION
AND APPROVING THE NATOMAS MAIN DRAINAGE CANAL
BIKEWAY/PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT
(PN:HA62)**

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento has conditionally included the Project in the City of Sacramento Capital Improvement Program pending CEQA compliance, and

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento has conducted an initial study to determine if the Project may have a significant effect on the environment, and

WHEREAS, the Initial Study concludes that there is no substantial evidence that the Project, or any of its aspects, may cause a significant effect on the environment and a Negative Declaration is, therefore, appropriate, and

WHEREAS, the Initial Study concluded that the Project involves no potential for any adverse effect, either individually or cumulatively, on wildlife resources, and

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento has provided for public review to accommodate response to the proposed Negative Declaration on the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO THAT:

1. The City Council hereby ratifies and approves the Natomas Main Drainage Canal Bikeway/Pedestrian Bridge Project Negative Declaration, finding on the basis of the Initial Study and comments received that there is no substantial evidence that the Project may have a significant effect on the environment.

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2. The City Council hereby approves the implementation of the Natomas Main Drainage Canal Bikeway/Pedestrian Bridge project.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NATOMAS MAIN DRAINAGE CANAL BIKEWAY/PEDESTRIAN PROJECT MITIGATION REPORTING PLAN (PN:HA62)

WHEREAS, the City Council has ratified the Natomas Main Drainage Canal Bikeway/Pedestrian Project Negative Declaration and approved the project, and

WHEREAS, a Mitigation Reporting Plan has been prepared which is designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures incorporated into the Project in the Natomas Main Drainage Canal Bikeway/Pedestrian Project Negative Declaration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO THAT:

The City Council hereby adopts the Natomas Main Drainage Canal Bikeway/Pedestrian Mitigation Reporting Plan to ensure compliance with incorporated mitigation measures during project implementation.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A JOINT-USE
AGREEMENT WITH
RECLAMATION DISTRICT 1000**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

1. The City Manager and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached amendment to and restatement of easement and Joint Use Agreement (Bike Trail) and grant of additional joint use rights (Bikeway/Pedestrian Bridge) Agreement with Reclamation District 1000 at no cost.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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