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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO DIRECT STAFF TO PROCEED WITH COLLABORATIVE
LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE SACRAMENTO
RIVERFRONT MASTER PLAN**

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Sacramento Riverfront, Districts 1 & 4

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council continue to support implementation activities and direct staff to proceed with collaborative legislative efforts for the Sacramento Riverfront Master Plan.

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FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF: March 9, 2004

SUMMARY:

During a Joint Meeting on July 31, 2003, the City Councils of Sacramento and West Sacramento accepted the Sacramento Riverfront Master Plan as their vision for the future of the Sacramento Riverfront. Since that time, regional teams including representatives from the City of Sacramento, City of West Sacramento, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, Sacramento County, and Yolo County have been meeting to develop the implementation strategy for the Riverfront Master Plan. The teams are working on action plans in the following subject areas:

- Regional Resource Development/Legislative Issues
- Public Safety
- Planning Projects & Regulatory
- Riverfront Maintenance and Operations
- Capital Projects
- Marketing

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As one of the next slated implementation steps, staff and lobbyists representing the City of Sacramento, West Sacramento, Sacramento County, Yolo County, and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) are prepared to contact the Administration and local legislative leaders to explain the critical need for the Sacramento Riverfront to be funded. Potential sources of funding include:

- Proposition 50 - Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2000
- Proposition 40 – California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2002
- California Department of Parks and Recreation Recreational Trails Program
- California Department of Parks and Recreation Land and Water Conservation Program
- California State Highway Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program
- California Department of Fish and Game
- California Department of Boating and Waterways
- Sacramento Area Council of Governments TEA-21/T3

Staff will report back to Council to request appropriate authorization for proposals and contracts. It is important to note the City of Sacramento will not be the lead applicant on all of the grant proposals given the multi-jurisdictional nature of the Riverfront project.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

The Citizen’s Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation has been briefed on the Sacramento Riverfront Master Plan and implementation strategies.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

During the end of the 2003 legislative session of the State Legislature, legislation was introduced (AB1748 and SB1054) that would have created a new program for River Parkways (See “Attachment A”). Proposition 50 funds would be allocated to support improvements that would provide recreation, open-space, wildlife, riparian habitat, flood control, and water quality benefits to the State’s River Parkways. This program would have also supported efforts to promote better access to river parkway open-space, especially in deteriorated urban river areas that were formally thriving natural resource preserves. Guidelines were established to apply for this funding. These guidelines would have allowed the City of Sacramento and our partners the City of West Sacramento, Sacramento County, and Yolo County to be in a favorable position to compete for funds. Unfortunately, for various reasons these bills were not enacted into law. Consequently, staff and lobbyists for the City of Sacramento, West Sacramento, Sacramento County, Yolo County, and SAFCA wish to contact the Administration and legislators to receive guidance on applying for Proposition 50 funds again, as well as all other potential sources appropriate for the subject projects.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Each of the potential funding sources specifies criteria for fund use. Staff will recommend grant proposals for the individual projects within the Riverfront Master Plan according to how closely a project matches funding source eligibility criteria.

Requests for the matching funds required for submitting grant proposals will be brought forward for Council approval. It will be recommended that the local match from the City of Sacramento come from monies that were identified and adopted in the Riverfront Master Plan, i.e. tax increment, transportation funds, and Proposition 40 funds. Please see “Attachment B – Projects Proposed for Implementation” for a specific breakdown.

Once completed, copies of all grant proposals will also be forwarded to the legislative delegation representing the confluence of the Sacramento and American Rivers.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This is only an information report discussing how staff will recommend requesting Proposition 50 funds to support important improvements along the Sacramento and American Rivers, and therefore not a project for the purpose of the California Environmental Quality Act

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The Sacramento Riverfront Master Plan is an unprecedented collaborative effort by the City of Sacramento, the City of West Sacramento, Yolo and Sacramento Counties. Seizing the opportunity to provide high-quality, accessible public open space along the riverfront where integrated transportation supports dense urban redevelopment is a wise undertaking at a time when unbridled sprawl is threatening to compromise our natural resources, as well as our quality of life. The Sacramento Riverfront Master Plan is a strong partnership between two cities to promote infill and Smart Growth community development. Both sides of the Sacramento River are addressed comprehensively in the adopted Plan, which envisions 30,000 new residents and 110,000 new jobs.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

This report is not affected by City policy related to ESBD.

Respectfully submitted,



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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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Attachment A - California State Capitol Riverfront “A World-Class Riverfront for the Golden State”

Project Description

The California State Capitol Riverfront is an ambitious plan to protect and enhance natural habitat and recreational uses of the Sacramento and American Rivers. This plan will also support public and private reinvestment in key infill areas that will result in housing for 30,000 new residents and 110,000 new jobs. This plan was developed and is being implemented in a spirit of partnership by the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento, the Counties of Sacramento and Yolo, and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA). The project area includes riverfront areas in the metropolitan core of Sacramento County and Yolo County.

The California State Capitol Riverfront unifies the east and west sides of the river and focuses efforts to enhance and preserve habitat and recreational opportunities for the urban core of the State Capitol. The riverfront plan will also:

- Support efforts to stimulate development of important infill areas on both sides of the river – new housing and new jobs
- Promote smart growth principles by developing neighborhoods with a mix of residential, commercial, and office uses that create a compact, vibrant, pedestrian -oriented environment, where people live, work, dine, shop and play with a strong sense of connection to their neighbors and the Sacramento and American Rivers.
- Support efforts of statewide significance to provide flood control, protect water quality, restore habitat, and complement and enhance State investments in the Capitol area.
- Bring together local government in a regional cooperative partnership to implement and maintain the riverfront plan.

Creating the vision of the California State Capitol Riverfront has required the active involvement of city, county, and regional agencies like SAFCA. These jurisdictions have pledged significant amounts of local funds and staff resources to implement that vision and the associated capital projects and programs. We hope the State of California will join this partnership to create a public gateway to the State Capitol befitting the Golden State.

The California State Capitol Riverfront will require public investment on both the east and west sides of the urban waterfront. A detailed list of projects seeking funding is attached. These projects include important infrastructure improvements that will provide access to the river and its natural habitat from adjacent residential neighborhoods and office and commercial businesses. This public investment will provide an important foundation and incentive for private interests to develop infill sites on both sides of the river.

As part of the efforts to create a world-class riverfront gateway for the State Capitol, the state and regional jurisdictions have made major public investments including the California State Railroad Museum, the Old Sacramento State Historic Park, the West Sacramento and Sacramento Riverfronts and the American River Parkway. In order to protect these existing and proposed public investments in the Sacramento and American riverfronts, both cities are exploring a joint funding partnership for operations and maintenance. This joint authority could also be configured to generate additional resources necessary to fully implement the capital projects in the riverfront areas.

**Attachment B - Projects Proposed for Implementation
(0- 5 Years)**

Projects	<u>New Resources</u>	<u>Match</u>
<u>Sacramento River West Bank</u>		
Riparian Enhancements	900,000	1,000,000
West Sacramento Promenades and Bike Trails		
Pedestrian/Bike trails	\$705,000	1,150,000
Promenades	\$2,520,000	1,035,000
Triangle Pedestrian Plaza – Garden Street	\$90,000	
Triangle Pedestrian Plaza - Triangle	\$310,000	
Public Access and Recreational Improvements		
Riverfront Park	\$510,000	1,000,000
Boat Dock	\$550,000	
	Total	<u>\$4,185,000</u> (from tax increment/ Sales Tax override)
<u>Sacramento River East Bank</u>		
Riparian Enhancements	\$600,000	
Sacramento Promenades and Bike Trails		
Pedestrian/Bike trail – R Street to Miller Park	\$0	\$580,000-Transportaion. funds
Pedestrian River walk – I street to Discovery Park	\$940,000	
Promenade – Plaza of lights to R Street Plaza	\$4,000,000	
Public Access and Recreational Improvements		
Jiboom St. Park	\$0	\$1,850,000 - Prop. 40
Fishing Piers (2)	\$1,380,000	
Docks (3)	\$3,300,000	
Docks Area (includes site preparation studies)	\$0	\$5,000,000 -Tax increment
<u>Sacramento River – Yolo County</u>		
Public Access and Recreation Improvements		
Helvetia Oak Grove	\$600,000	\$50,000- Prop. 40
Yolo Bypass Connections	\$750,000	\$50,000- Prop. 40
Sugar Mill Waterfront Area (includes a parkway)	\$400,000	\$50,000- Developer contribution
<u>Lower American River - Sacramento County</u>		
Riparian Enhancements (Acquisition of Gardenland Sand and Gravel facility)	\$700,000	\$500,000- Prop. 40
Pedestrian/Bike Trail (Acquisition and development from Discovery Park to Sutter’s Landing (Two Rivers Trail)	\$600,000	\$1,500,000 - Prop. 40
Riverdale Mobile Home Park Acquisition	\$3,000,000	\$500,000 -SAFCA
Discovery Park Bank Stabilization	\$2,000,000	\$250,000- Co. park funds
Total Request	\$23,855,000 (62%)	\$14,515,000 (38%)
Total Improvement Package		\$38,370,000