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Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager

Date: October 7, 2015

To: Recreation and Park Commission
Capital Committee

Through: Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager
Dawn Kamalanathan, Director of Capital and Planning Division

From: Toni Moran, Environmental Specialist, Fiscal/Grants

Subject: Recreational Trail Program Grant Application: Bernal Heights Park Trails Improvement Project.

Agenda Item Wording:

Discussion and possible action to 1) adopt a resolution to apply for a Recreational Trail Program Grant for the Bernal Heights Park Trails Improvement Project in the amount of \$1,100,000 from the California Department of Parks and Recreation 2) if awarded, recommend that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Recreation and Park Department to accept and expend a Recreation Trail Program Grant in the amount up to \$1,100,000 from the California Department of Parks and Recreation. Approval of this proposed action by the Commission is the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

Background / Description:

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) provides funds annually for recreational trails and trails-related projects. The RTP is administered at the federal level by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). It is administered at the state level by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). The grant program has approximately \$8 million in the “Moving ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) transportation funding. The RTP will provide up to 88% of the project’s eligible costs and requires a 12% non-federal funding match. The DPR will attempt to provide State-wide geographic distribution if qualified projects exist throughout the State.

The RTP requires all projects comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, and be listed on either the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or a local Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), as applicable.

Considering these parameters, RPD’s Capital and Planning Division staff reviewed all existing projects that could potentially meet the scoring criteria, timeframe, and grant match requirements and determined that the Bernal Heights Park Trails Improvement Project and Twin Peaks



Trails Improvement Project were the best candidates for this funding source. Staff further ranked them in order priority with Bernal Heights Park Trails Improvement project selected as the number 1 priority project for the city, because this project has not received any previous DPR grant funding, followed by Twin Peaks Trails Project, which has received two DPR grants for the current scope of work.

On September 15, 2015, RPD's Capital Division submitted a grant application in the amount of \$1,100,000 for the Bernal Heights Park Trails Improvement Project. If awarded, the grant funds will address the following trail deficiencies by formalized east and west entry to the upper park, promotion of use of designated trails through improved wayfinding, and rerouting of trail to direct visitors away from sensitive habitat areas.

To date, comprehensive planning and public outreach is completed. With Recreational Trail Funding this project can move forward as planned and continue providing much needed recreational trails opportunities to the Bernal Heights/Mission neighborhood and City at large.

Source of Funds and Amount:

Total Project Cost: \$1,338,000

Funding Sources:

Recreational Trail Program, \$1,100,000 Grant Funds

2008 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parka Bond, Citywide Trail Program \$136,500 Grant Match

Natural Areas Program Staff In-Kind Valued at \$70,000

Recommendation: Approve

Staff recommends that the Recreation and Park Commission 1) adopt a resolution to apply for a Recreational Trail Program Grant for the Bernal Heights Park Trails Improvement Project in the amount of \$1,100,000 from the California Department of Parks and Recreation 2) if awarded, recommend that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Recreation and Park Department to accept and expend a Recreation Trail Program Grant in the amount up to \$1,100,000 from the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

Supported By:

Walk SF

Sutro Stewards

Audubon Society

California Native Plant Society

Nature in the City

Opposed By:

No known opposition

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Attachment:

Resolution

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution Number: _____

Approving the Application for Grant Funds from the Recreational Trails Program for the Bernal Heights Park Trails Improvement Project

WHEREAS, the “Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)” provides funds to the State of California for Grants to federal, state, local and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trail Projects; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant will enter into a Contract with the State of California to complete the Project(s); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an Application for the Recreational Trails Program for the Bernal Heights Park Trails Improvement Project; and
2. Certifies that the Project is consistent with the Applicant’s general plan or the equivalent planning document; and
3. 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); and
4. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Procedural Guide; and
5. Appoints the General Manager or designee 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.
6. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission recommend that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Recreation and Park Department to accept and expend a Recreation Trail Program Grant in the amount up to \$1,100,000 from the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

Approved and adopted: Ayes , Noes

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted
at the meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission
held on October 15, 2015.

Margaret A. McArthur, Commission Liaison