2012 SANDAG ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL GRANT APPLICATION

SIXTH AVENUE BRIDGE PROMENADE

Civic San Diego
SIXTH AVENUE BRIDGE PROMENADE

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

JULY, 2012
CAPITAL GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Project Title:
SIXTH AVENUE BRIDGE PROMENADE

Applicant (Jurisdiction):
CITY OF SAN DIEGO THROUGH CIVIC SAN DIEGO

Amount Requested:
$1.5 million

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

☑ Ten hard copies and one CD of the complete Active Transportation application (including all attachments, clearly labeled).

☑ Resolution authorizing the application, committing to provide matching funds, and authorizing staff to accept grant funds and execute the grant agreement, and documenting community support.

☑ Format: narrative pages on 8.5x11 paper, all narrative text has at least 1 inch margins on all sides and no less than 10pt. font size (footers and headers exempt from the above requirements).

☑ Baseline data collection included in Scope of Work, Schedule, and Budget.

☑ Documentation of matching funds.

☑ Vicinity maps showing project location and local/regional street, bicycle, transit, and highway facilities within and near the project area (may be printed on up to 11x17 paper).

☑ Documentation of support for the project from community groups or individuals (recommended but not required).

☑ Aerial photos and other photographs depicting existing conditions.

☑ Feasibility study or project study report (include in CD ONLY, do NOT attach as hard copy).

☑ Completed application form:
  ☑ Project Summary
  ☑ Project Location Map
  ☑ Project Costs & Funding Sources
  ☑ Project Readiness
  ☑ Project Connections and Safety

☑ Quality of Project

☑ Supportive Policies and Programs

☑ Scope of Work, Schedule, and Budget

☑ Engineer’s Estimate

☑ Plans showing that minimum design standard has been met

If any of the above are not included with the application by the deadline (with the exception of documentation of community support), the application will be deemed ineligible.
GRANTEE STATEMENTS

☐ The proposed grantee has read the standardized sample grant agreement

☐ The proposed grantee understands that SANDAG will not reimburse applicants for expenses incurred prior to execution of a grant agreement.

☐ If the SANDAG Board of Directors approves the grant, the proposed grantee agrees to sign and return the standardized grant agreement to SANDAG, without exceptions, within 45 days of receipt.

☐ The proposed grantee agrees to comply with SANDAG’s Board Policy No. 035 Competitive Grant Program Procedures, which outlines “use-it-or-lose-it” project milestones and completion deadlines. Board Policy No. 035 is included in the standardized grant agreement as Attachment B, and is also on the SANDAG website at the following link: http://www.sandag.org/organization/about/pubs/policy_35.pdf

☐ The proposed grantee understands that all invoices must be accompanied by a written progress report of the charges for both requested reimbursement of grant and matching funds and submitted to SANDAG no less frequently than quarterly. Invoice and progress report templates are available on the SANDAG website at the following link: http://www.sandag.org/grants/forms

☐ The proposed grantee understands that upon approval of funding by the SANDAG Board of Directors, the applicant will provide a copy of their approved indirect cost rate audit or their proposed indirect cost rate methodology, if charging for overhead, to SANDAG for review and approval, which must occur prior to execution of the grant agreement.

☐ The proposed grantee understands that a resolution including the requirements of Board Policy No. 035, Section 4.1, must be submitted to SANDAG at least two weeks prior to the recommendation by the Transportation Committee of the list of grant projects to be considered eligible. SANDAG will provide applicants with advance notice of the Transportation Committee’s anticipated meeting dates.

I certify that I agree with the above statements, have reviewed the Active Transportation Grant Program Guidelines, and that the information submitted in this application is accurate and in accordance with these guidelines.

I have the authorization to submit this grant on behalf of my organization.

[Wally H. II]  [Assistant Chief Operating Officer]

Grantee Name (print or type)  Title

[Wally H. II]  7-17-12

Grantee Signature (signature cannot be electronic)  Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
PROJECT SUMMARY

Applicant (Agency): CITY OF SAN DIEGO THROUGH CIVIC SAN DIEGO

Project Title: SIXTH AVENUE BRIDGE PROMENADE

Project Area Limits: e.g. 4th St. between Laurel St. and Ash St., and 5th St. between Laurel St. and Ash St.
East side of Sixth Avenue between Cedar Street and Elm Street, San Diego

Project Description: (6 lines max)
Feasibility study and design and construction of a pedestrian promenade along the east side of the Sixth Avenue bridge over Interstate 5. The project would remove a hazardous free left-turn lane from the freeway off-ramp, improving pedestrian safety on this key route between Downtown and Balboa Park. The project also involves pedestrian enhancements including landscaping, trellis, and benches.

Primary Contact Person (Project Manager): Brad Richter

Title: Asst. Vice President, Planning, Civic San Diego

Street Address: 401 B Street, Suite 400
City and Zip Code: San Diego, CA 92101

Phone: (619) 533-7115
E-mail Address: richter@civicsd.com

Is this project in your agency's adopted capital improvement program? (Y/N) N

Is the project part of a larger capital improvement project? If so, describe the larger project in its entirety, as well as the funding sources:

No

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Active Transportation Grant Funds Request</th>
<th>$1,500,000</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Matching Funds</td>
<td>$500,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Project Cost</strong></td>
<td>$2,000,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Total Project Cost = Active Transportation Grant Funds + Matching Funds

Can this project be broken into phases? (Y/N) Y If yes, briefly list phased scope and costs:
(Please use separate page if necessary.)

Phase I: Feasibility Analysis including traffic study, structural analysis, conceptual plan, environmental review: $175,000
Phase II: Construction documents, permits and construction: $1,825,000

CAPITAL GRANTS FY 2011/2012 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT APPLICATION FORM A-3
Sixth Avenue Bridge Promenade

Vicinity Map
PROJECT COSTS AND FUNDING

TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST:

Project Cost Estimates: On a separate sheet, provide an itemized engineer's cost estimate for all eligible expenses.

Summary of Cost Estimates

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Cost</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Baseline Data Collection</td>
<td>—</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Preliminary Engineering or Planning</td>
<td>$70,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Engineering</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Project Management</td>
<td>$10,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Contract Engineering (final design)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Environmental Clearance</td>
<td>$100,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Right-of-Way Acquisition</td>
<td>N/A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Final Design</td>
<td>$220,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Construction</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Construction Management</td>
<td>$150,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Construction Contract</td>
<td>$1,450,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Cost</strong></td>
<td>$2,000,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Funding Sources:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Funding Source</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Active Transportation Grant</td>
<td>$1,500,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other (specify source)</td>
<td>$500,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Downtown FAR Bonus Payment Funds)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Funding</strong></td>
<td>$2,000,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

MINIMUM DESIGN STANDARDS & GUIDELINES

Clearly illustrate that the minimum design standard is being met. Plans provided must be actual cross-section drawings. (Provide photographs, if applicable) See Eligibility Criteria for more information on design standards and guidelines.
## PROJECT READINESS

### COMPLETION OF MAJOR MILESTONES

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Phase</th>
<th>Start Date</th>
<th>Completion Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Community Active Transportation Strategy/Neighborhood-level plan/corridor study</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Environmental Documentation/Certification</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Right-of-Way Acquisition</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Final Design</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Previous Work Completed:

1. Basic Concept Design and Project Description:  
   - 1/1/2011 to 11/21/2011
2. Preliminary Cost Estimates:  
   - 11/1/2011 to 12/12/2011
3. Grant Award:  
   - 7/17/2012 to 10/1/2012

Phase I:

4. RFQ/P and Contract(s):  
   - 10/2/2012 to 12/1/2012
5. Traffic Analysis, Preliminary Structural Analysis, Concept Plans, Environmental Review:  
   - 12/1/2012 to 7/1/2013
6. Right-of-Way Acquisition:  
   - N/A

Phase II:

7. Construction Documents and Permits:  
   - 7/1/2013 to 6/1/2014
8. Project Bid and Contractor Selection:  
   - 6/1/2014 to 9/1/2014
9. Construction:  
   - 10/1/2014 to 2/1/2015
Safety Improvements and Overcoming Barriers (250 words max plus collision data attachments)

Describe, in bullets, the specific safety issues addressed by the project. Please attach documentation for safety and collision history. If collision data is provided, it must be annotated to highlight collisions applicable to the project and why they are relevant.

If applicable, (1) attach a map and/or photos indicating gaps and barriers, including changes in facility type where appropriate; (2) describe any locations within the project limits where barriers or hazardous conditions exist that prohibit safe access for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Sixth Avenue is the main pedestrian connection between Downtown San Diego and Balboa Park. The existing free left-turn movement from the Interstate 5 off-ramp onto Sixth Avenue creates a dangerous situation for pedestrians along the east side of Sixth Avenue because:

- Vehicles exiting the freeway are travelling at excessive speeds approaching Sixth Avenue
- There is limited sight distance for pedestrians looking east down off-ramp (approximately 200-250 feet)
- The cross-walk across the off-ramp left-turn lane is uncontrolled by traffic or pedestrian signals
- The cross-walk across the westbound thru-traffic lanes from the off-ramp is controlled with traffic and pedestrian signals, giving false sense of security for southbound pedestrians continuing across left-turn lane
- There will be increased pedestrian volumes along this pedestrian path to Balboa Park as Downtown grows from the current 36,000 residents to 90,000 residents

The proposed project will:

- Eliminate the free left-turn pocket from off-ramp onto Sixth Avenue
- Establishing left-turns from off-ramp at existing signalized intersection at Sixth Avenue and Elm Street
- All pedestrian crossings will be at signalized intersection with pedestrian signals

Vehicle Speed Limit and Average Daily Traffic (ADT)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Street Name: Sixth Avenue</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Speed Limit: 30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ADT: 14,600</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Street Name: Interstate 5 Off-Ramp at Sixth Avenue</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Speed Limit: N/A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ADT:</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Street Name:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Speed Limit:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ADT:</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Street Name:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Speed Limit:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ADT:</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
QUALITY OF PROJECT

For this section, please provide answers in bullet format. A short, concise narrative may be provided, if necessary, to describe the project.

Effectiveness and Comprehensiveness of Proposed Bicycle, Pedestrian, and/or Traffic Calming Measures, and Relationship to Program Objectives

Describe the need for traffic calming, pedestrian, and bicycle improvements in the project area, in bullets. (*lines max)

- Vehicles exiting the freeway are travelling at excessive speeds approaching Sixth Avenue
- There is limited sight distance for pedestrians looking east down off-ramp (approximately 200-250 feet)
- The crosswalk across the off-ramp left-turn lane is uncontrolled by traffic or pedestrian signals
- The crosswalk across the westbound thru-traffic lanes from the off-ramp is controlled with traffic and pedestrian signals, giving false sense of security for southbound pedestrians continuing across left turn lane

List the goals of the project, in bullets. (*lines max)

- Improve pedestrian safety
- Increase connectivity between Downtown San Diego and Balboa Park
- Provide an enhanced pedestrian promenade
- Encourage pedestrian trips through safer, enhanced pedestrian facility

Describe the proposed improvements and why they are particularly suited to address the needs stated above, in bullets. (*lines max)

The proposed project will:

- Eliminate the free left-turn pocket from off-ramp onto Sixth Avenue
- Establishing left-turns from off-ramp at existing signalized intersection at Sixth Avenue and Elm Street
- All pedestrian crossings will be at signalized intersection with pedestrian signals
- Create landscape buffer between pedestrians and Sixth Avenue traffic lanes
- Provide landscaped promenade to encourage pedestrian trips

INNOVATION

Is this or will this project be an FHWA or State experimentation effort? □ Yes □ No If yes, evidence must be attached.

Does this project propose any solutions that are new to the region? If so, please describe, in bullets. (*lines max)

- Eliminates free left-turn off ramp across uncontrolled pedestrian path
- Converts parking and travel lane into landscaped pedestrian promenade across freeway bridge
SUPPORTIVE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

COMPLEMENTARY PROGRAMS

Describe in bullets, any programs that complement the proposed capital improvements: awareness, education efforts, increased enforcement, bicycle parking. Describe who will be responsible in implementing the programs and how they relate directly to the capital improvements. In order to receive points, programs must be included in project Scope of Work, Schedule, and Budget.

Civic San Diego, on behalf of the City of San Diego, is proposing to undertake the preparation of the Downtown Complete Streets Mobility Plan which will establish enhanced pedestrian and bicycle facilities throughout the Downtown and improve connectivity to surrounding neighborhoods. The Sixth Avenue Bridge Promenade is a component of this overall effort to improve active transportation options throughout the Downtown area.

SUPPORTIVE POLICIES AND PLANS

Cite in bullets, any policy language in approved plans that support this project, or cite Community Active Transportation Strategy that was completed prior to this application.

Downtown Community Plan, adopted in 2006:
  • Goal 4.1-G-3 Improve accessibility to recreational, leisure, and cultural opportunities on the waterfront and Balboa Park.
  • Policy 4.1-P-7 Coordinate with Caltrans and other agencies on the construction of “lids” over I-5 to re-establish access to Balboa Park and Sherman Heights, as well as to create new open space areas.
  • Policy 4.1-P-8 Pursue new smaller open space areas including public plazas and places, fountains, and pocket parks on portions of blocks throughout Downtown.
  • Goal 6.6-G-2 Develop connections between the Cortez neighborhood and Balboa Park.
  • Goal 7.2-G-1 Develop a cohesive and attractive walking and bicycle system within Downtown that provides links within the area and to surrounding neighborhoods.

Briefly describe any other relevant aspects of the project.

Prior to the dissolution of redevelopment agencies, the Centre City Development Corporation was preparing the Public Open Space Implementation Plan where the concept of the Sixth Avenue Bridge Promenade was proposed and fully supported by stakeholder groups and the community planning group.

Civic San Diego staff has met with Chris Schmidt, Caltrans planner, who supports the concept subject to Phase I of this project being completed and establishing the feasibility of the project.
# SANDAG ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM
## SCOPE OF WORK, SCHEDULE, AND BUDGET

**Project Title:** Sixth Avenue Bridge Promenade

**Project Location/Limits:**
East side of Sixth Avenue between Cedar Street and Elm Street, San Diego

**Project Description:**
Feasibility study and design and construction of a pedestrian promenade along the east side of the Sixth Avenue bridge over Interstate 5. The project would remove a hazardous free left-turn lane from the freeway off-ramp, improving pedestrian safety on this key route between Downtown and Balboa Park. The project also involves pedestrian enhancements including landscaping, trellis, and benches.

**Contract No.:**
SANDAG Use Only

**Claim (TDA)/Project (TNet) No.:**
SANDAG Use Only

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Task No.</th>
<th>Task Description</th>
<th>Deliverables</th>
<th>Start Date</th>
<th>Completion Date</th>
<th>SANDAG Funds</th>
<th>Matching Funds</th>
<th>TOTAL</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(Phase I) 1</td>
<td>RFQ/P; Consultant Selection; Negotiate Contract(s)</td>
<td>Executed Contract(s)</td>
<td>1-Oct-12</td>
<td>1-Dec-12</td>
<td>$5,000</td>
<td>$5,000</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.1</td>
<td>Traffic Analysis of Options</td>
<td>Traffic Study</td>
<td>Dec-12</td>
<td>Feb-13</td>
<td>$50,000</td>
<td>$50,000</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.2</td>
<td>Preliminary Structural Analysis</td>
<td>Structural Report</td>
<td>Jan-12</td>
<td>Feb-13</td>
<td>$25,000</td>
<td>$25,000</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.3</td>
<td>Concept Plan Development</td>
<td>Concept Plans</td>
<td>Dec-12</td>
<td>Mar-13</td>
<td>$25,000</td>
<td>$35,000</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.4</td>
<td>CEQA Review</td>
<td>CEQA Document</td>
<td>Feb-13</td>
<td>May-13</td>
<td>$50,000</td>
<td>$40,000</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.5</td>
<td>Project Approval; CEQA Certification</td>
<td>Approved Concept Plans</td>
<td>May-13</td>
<td>Jul-13</td>
<td>$20,000</td>
<td>$20,000</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Phase II) 3</td>
<td>Negotiate Construction Design Contract</td>
<td>Executed Contract</td>
<td>Jun-13</td>
<td>Jul-13</td>
<td>$5,000</td>
<td>$5,000</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>30% Construction Plans</td>
<td>30% Plans</td>
<td>Jul-13</td>
<td>Sep-13</td>
<td>$70,000</td>
<td>$70,000</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>80% Construction Plans</td>
<td>80% Plans</td>
<td>1-Sep-13</td>
<td>1-Nov-13</td>
<td>$100,000</td>
<td>$100,000</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>100% Construction Plans/Permits Issued/Bid Project</td>
<td>Permit Plan Set</td>
<td>1-Nov-13</td>
<td>1-Jul-14</td>
<td>$50,000</td>
<td>$50,000</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Award Contract</td>
<td>Executed Contract</td>
<td>1-Jul-14</td>
<td>1-Aug-14</td>
<td>$5,000</td>
<td>$5,000</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Construction</td>
<td>Project Completion</td>
<td>1-Aug-14</td>
<td>1-Feb-15</td>
<td>$1,100,000</td>
<td>$1,600,000</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**TOTALS:** $1,500,000 | $500,000 | $2,000,000

## PROJECT REVENUES

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Source</th>
<th>FY 2013</th>
<th>FY 2014</th>
<th>FY 2015</th>
<th>TOTAL</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AT Grant</td>
<td>$175,000</td>
<td>$220,000</td>
<td>$1,105,000</td>
<td>$1,500,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other (List sources)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>$500,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**TOTALS:** $175,000 | $220,000 | $1,605,000 | $2,000,000
RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 307562
DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUL 12 2012

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH SANDAG FOR THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM AND ACCEPTING THE TERMS OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Board of Directors allocates funds under the Transportation Development Act and TransNet local sales tax program to support bicycle and pedestrian transportation projects in the San Diego region through a competitive process; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Active Transportation Grant Program is to promote the “complete streets” vision, providing multiple travel choices for residents and connectivity to transit, schools, recreation centers, parks, work, and other community gathering places; and

WHEREAS, $8.8 million of Transportation Development Act and TransNet funding for capital and non-capital active transportation projects is available to local jurisdictions and the County of San Diego from Fiscal Year 2011-2012; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego seeks to receive an amount not to exceed $5,650,000 for the following: Pedestrian Master Plan Phase V, Downtown Complete Streets Mobility Plan, Chollas Creek Multi-Use Bike Facility, Bicycle Detection at Signalized Intersections, Mission Center Road Improvements at the terminus of the San Diego River Bike Path, University Avenue and 54th Street Roadway Improvements, and Sixth Avenue Bridge Promenade; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego understands that the Active Transportation Grant Program funding is fixed at the programmed amount, and therefore project cost increases that exceed the grant awarded will be the sole responsibility of the grantee; and
WHEREAS, the City of San Diego agrees to complete the proposed grant projects within a timely matter and in compliance with SANDAG Board Policy No. 035; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

1. That the Mayor or his representative is authorized to file a grant application with SANDAG, execute the grant agreement on file in the office of the City Clerk as RR-307562*, and to take all necessary actions to secure funding for an amount not to exceed $5,650,000 in SANDAG Active Transportation Grant funds, Fund 600002.

2. That the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to accept an amount not to exceed $5,650,000 in SANDAG Active Transportation Grant funds, Fund 600002.

3. That the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to appropriate and expend an amount not to exceed $5,650,000, contingent upon receipt of a fully executed grant agreement.

4. That the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to establish a special interest-bearing fund, Grant Projects Fund, contingent upon receipt of a fully executed grant agreement.

5. That the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to accept up to $300,000 in Downtown Parking District Funds, and to appropriate and expend from Grant Projects Fund, contingent upon a fully executed grant agreement for the Downtown Complete Streets Mobility Plan.

6. That the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to accept up to $100,000 in San Diego County Funds, and to appropriate and expend from Grant Projects Fund, contingent upon a fully executed grant agreement for the Chollas Creek Multi-Use Bike Facility project.

7. That the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to accept up to $500,000 in Downtown Far Bonus Payment Program funds, and to appropriate and expend from Grant
Projects Fund, contingent upon a fully executed grant agreement for the Sixth Avenue Bridge Promenade.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the proposed projects for the SANDAG Active Transportation Grant Program are listed on RR-307562-2, on file in the office of the City Clerk.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By

Nina M. Fain
Deputy City Attorney

NMF:jjs
06/11/12
06/15/12 Cor. Copy
Or.Dept:DSD
Doc. No. 387924

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of JUL 10 2012.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 7.12.12
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: ___________________
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

-PAGE 3 OF 3-
Proposed Projects for SANDAG Active Transportation Grant Program

### Non-Capital Grants

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Project Title</th>
<th>Grant Amount Not to Exceed</th>
<th>Additional Funds Available for Projects (Non-General Fund)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Pedestrian Master Plan Phase V</td>
<td>$300,000</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Downtown Complete Streets Mobility Plan</td>
<td>$300,000</td>
<td>$300,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>$600,000</td>
<td>$300,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Capital Grants

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Project Title</th>
<th>Grant Amount Not to Exceed</th>
<th>Additional Funds Available for Projects (Non-General Fund)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Multi-Use Bike Facility along Chollas Creek</td>
<td>$600,000</td>
<td>$100,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bicycle detection at various signalized intersections</td>
<td>$650,000</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Improvements at Mission Center Road at the terminus of the San Diego River Bike Path to enhance pedestrian and bicycle crossing</td>
<td>$800,000</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>University Avenue and 54th Street Roadway Improvements</td>
<td>$1,500,000</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sixth Avenue Bridge Promenade</td>
<td>$1,500,000</td>
<td>$500,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>$5,050,000</td>
<td>$600,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Total grant application is not to exceed $5,650,000.
6th Ave. Pre-Lid Promenade
NEAR TERM

Promenade size: 17,400 sf / 0.40 acre

The intersection of 6th Avenue and Date Street serves as a de facto gateway between banker's hill and downtown. The proposed 6th Avenue pre-lid promenade is located on the bridge between Date and Cedar streets and represents an opportunity to improve pedestrian connections to Balboa Park, an important open space resource for downtown. Additionally, it’s an opportunity to demonstrate how relatively simple traffic reconfigurations can yield significant benefits to the public realm.

By the proposal to eliminate the free left turn lane at the northbound 6th Avenue exit ramp from the I-5, the promenade can provide increased planting areas and reduced paving at the north end of the bridge, significantly enhancing the pedestrian experience and overall safety.

Design Principles:
- An enhanced pedestrian zone
- Shaded bench seating
- Enhanced, signalized crosswalks
- Sound attenuating guardrails on bridge
- Gateway planting at the north and south ends

Existing conditions
6th Ave. Pre-Lid Promenade
NEAR TERM

Descriptive legend

A  Palm Allee
B  Entry Court
C  Shade Structure and Seating Area
D  Sound Attenuation Wall
E  Re-Configured Intersection

Palm trees planted on grade at the intersection can create a strong gateway element and tie into the existing character of the 6th Avenue edge of Balboa Park. Trellis structures create shaded seating areas through the promenade and sound attenuating panels ensure pedestrian safety and comfort. The intent is to create a celebratory sense of entry into downtown, a strong sense of connection to and continuity with Balboa Park and to accomplish within the confines of exiting infrastructure. This project has the potential to demonstrate the catalyzing power of modest interventions and creative interagency collaboration.

Existing Conditions

Possible Design Solution
SIXTH AVENUE BRIDGE PROMENADE

Southbound Sixth Avenue

Uncontrolled Pedestrian Crossing

Northbound Sixth Avenue

Pedestrian Crossing Off-Ramp
SIXTH AVENUE BRIDGE PROMENADE

Northbound Sixth Avenue

Uncontrolled Pedestrian Crossing

Sight Distance Down Off-Ramp

Pedestrian Crossing Off-Ramp
Ms. Christine Eary  
Active Transportation Grants Program Manager  
SANDAG  
401 B Street, Suite 800  
San Diego, CA 92101  

July 3, 2012  

Dear Ms. Eary,  

As Chair of the Centre City Advisory Committee (CCAC), the community planning group for downtown San Diego, I am writing to convey support of the Sixth Avenue Bridge Promenade project for which 2012 Active Transportation Grant funds are being sought.  

As you may know, CCAC is a 28-member body that represents downtown homeowners and tenants, commercial property owners and businesspeople, charitable organizations and civic groups, making us a strong and diverse voice for the community.  

One of CCAC’s primary goals is to enhance the quality of life for downtown’s residents and workers, thus we maintain an active interest in the existence of public open space and pedestrian-friendly features throughout the community. The vision for the Sixth Avenue Bridge Promenade is perfectly aligned with that goal as it would better connect Balboa Park, a unique and highly-valued resource, with the growing population of downtown.  

We publicly voiced this support by way of a unanimous vote at our June 20, 2012 meeting. We hope that you will agree with our sentiment and score the CCDC grant application accordingly.  

Should you have any questions or need any additional input from our planning group, please contact me without hesitation. Thank you for your consideration.  

Respectfully,  

Laura Garrett  
Chair, Centre City Advisory Committee  
lgarrett.ccac@gmail.com  
☎ 760.310.0817  

cc: Brad Richter, CCDC
July 13, 2012

Ms. Christine Eary
Active Transportation Grants Program Manager
SANDAG
401 B Street, Suite 800
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Ms. Eary:

As Chairman of the Downtown Planning Committee of the Downtown San Diego Partnership (DSDP), I am writing to convey support of the Sixth Avenue Bridge Promenade project for which 2012 Active Transportation Grant funds are being sought.

As you may know, the Downtown San Diego Partnership represents downtown businesses, residents, charitable organizations and civic groups, making us a strong and diverse voice for the community.

One of DSDP’s primary goals is to enhance the quality of life for downtown’s residents and workers, thus we maintain an active interest in the existence of public open space and pedestrian-friendly features throughout the community. The vision for the Sixth Avenue Bridge Promenade is perfectly aligned with that goal as it would better connect Balboa Park, a unique and highly-valued resource, with the growing population of downtown.

We publicly voiced this support by way of a unanimous vote at our June 12, 2012 meeting. We hope that you will agree with our sentiment and score the CCDC grant application accordingly.

Should you have any questions or need any additional input from our planning group, please contact me without hesitation. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Phil Rath
Chairman, Downtown Planning Committee
PRath@pps.us.com

cc: Brad Richter, CCDC
July 9, 2012

Ms. Christine Eary, Active Transportation Grants Program Manager
SANDAG
401 B Street, Ste. 800
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Support for the Sixth Ave. Bridge Promenade Grant Application

Dear Ms. Eary:

The East Village Association (EVA) Board of Directors is concerned with providing parks and open spaces to East Village, San Diego’s largest urban community. The EVA is the nonprofit corporation that manages the East Village Business Improvement District, representing 700 businesses and about 10,000 residents.

On July 5, 2012, the EVA Board unanimously voted to support the grant application from Civic San Diego formerly known as the Centre City Development Corporation for the Sixth Ave. Bridge Promenade. This project is aligned with EVA goals to enhance the quality of life for East Villagers and to connect Balboa Park to downtown San Diego. Please contact Lisa Lem, Executive Director, at 619.992.7525 or email info@eastvillagesandiego.com if you need further information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
David Hazan, President
East Village Association, Inc.

cc: Brad Richter, Civic San Diego
July 17, 2012

Ms. Christine Eary  
Active Transportation Grants Program Manager  
SANDAG  
401 B Street, Suite 800  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Ms. Eary,

As I am writing to convey my personal support of the Sixth Avenue Bridge Promenade for which 2012 Active Transportation Grant funds are being sought.

The Downtown Community Plan, adopted in 2006, establishes numerous goals including the promotion of complete streets and enhanced pedestrian and bicycle facilities. The proposed project will greatly enhance connectivity between Downtown San Diego, anticipated to grow to 90,000 residents, and Balboa Park. The project will eliminate a dangerous free-left turn off-ramp and provide a landscaped pedestrian promenade between the two areas.

The San Diego City Council unanimously supported this application on July 10, 2012 and is confident in the beneficial impacts of this transformative project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

TODD GLORIA  
Councilmember, Third District
San Diego Association of Governments  
Attn: Christine Eary, Associate Regional Planner  
401 B Street, Suite 800  
San Diego, CA 92101

13 July 2012

Board Members,

The San Diego Downtown Residents Group strongly supports the application of Civic San Diego for your Active Transportation Grant Program. Specifically for the Sixth Avenue Bridge Promenade.

Downtown has long desired a more pedestrian friendly way to access Balboa Park via existing streets. The Sixth Avenue Promenade will allow an improved route to the west side of Balboa Park and minimize conflicts with traffic for pedestrians and cyclists. Civic San Diego has the capability to begin this plan and follow through with the actual implementation of this effort.

We strongly urge your support for this grant to Civic San Diego.

Sincerely,

Gary Smith  
President