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RE: UPDATING THE COASTAL TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN

At the meeting of the Council held December 18, 2007, the following action was taken:

Attached report adopted	<u> X </u>
Attached motion (-) adopted	<u> </u>
Attached resolution (-) adopted	<u> </u>
FORTHWITH	<u> </u>
Mayor concurred	<u> 12-24-07 </u>
To the Mayor FORTHWITH	<u> </u>

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**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to updating the Coastal Transportation Corridor Specific Plan (CTCSP).

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Rosendahl - Greuel) AND SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the appropriation and transfer of funds to provide for two new positions recommended in the October 15, 2007 Department of Transportation (DOT) report, as attached to the Committee report, from the Coastal Transportation Corridor Specific Plan Trust Fund 447, Department 94, to the following accounts, upon the request of the General Manager of the DOT:
 - a. DOT Fund No. 100, Department No. 94:

Transfer and appropriate \$50,000 to Account 1010 (Salaries, General), \$2,500 to Account No. 1090 (Salaries, Overtime), and \$5,000 to Account 6010 (Office and Administration Expense), to cover the salary costs for the remainder of the current fiscal year (estimated to be six months).
 - b. Department of City Planning Fund No. 100, Department No. 68:

Transfer \$45,000 to Account 1010 (Salaries, General), \$2,500 to Account No. 1090 (Salaries, Overtime), and \$5,000 to Account 6010 (Office and Administration Expense) with these amounts to cover the salary costs for the remainder of the fiscal year (estimated to be six months).
2. APPROVE resolution authority for the following new positions on an annual basis for the duration of the CTCSP update:
 - a. One new Transportation Engineering Associate (Class No. 7280-3) position for the DOT.
 - b. One new City Planning Associate (Class No. 7941) position for the Department of City Planning.
3. AUTHORIZE the DOT to hire an outside transportation and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) consultant team to update the CTCSP including the option of utilizing the contract procurement process of either the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) or of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) if found to be more efficient.

4. AUTHORIZE the DOT to transfer up to \$1 million, as needed, from the CTCSP Trust Fund No. 447 to an account titled "CTCSP Update" to cover costs associated with contractual services in order to contract with the necessary consultants to assist the City in preparing the transportation improvement program and the environmental analysis.
5. APPROVE and FUND from the CTCSP Trust Fund No. 447 the following City staff positions, needed for oversight and review of the CTCSP restudy and update:
 - a. One new City Planning Associate (Class No. 7941) position for the Department of City Planning
 - b. One new Transportation Engineering Associate (Class No. 7280-3) position for the Department of Transportation

Fiscal Impact Statement: The DOT reports that the proposed CTCSP update project would not have an impact on the General Fund. The CTCSP Trust Fund 447 would pay for consultant services and City staff administrative time to complete the project. Once the revised CTCSP is adopted, the Ordinance will establish funding requirements for capital improvements needed to mitigate traffic impacts generated by land development, with projects being designed and constructed as funds are collected. The collection of the fees is based on unknown development schedules which may span many years; therefore, a cost increase factor (based on a construction industry standard) is included in the resolution to offset the future cost increases of the mitigation program from inflationary factors.

(The Personnel Committee waived consideration of this matter)

Summary:

On January 30, 2007, Council initiated a Motion (Rosendahl - Greuel) directing the DOT, partnership with the Department of City Planning (City Planning), Council District 11 (CD 11) and the City Attorney, to update the CTCSP. Additionally, the Motion called for authorizing the DOT to use funds from CD 11's CTCSP, Fund No. 447, to pay for the update of the Specific Plan. Finally, the Motion called for the DOT to report back to Council with specific fund transfer recommendations.

At its meeting on October 24, 2007, your Committee considered an October 15, 2007 DOT report in response to the above Motion relative to updating the CTCSP. According to the DOT, on September 20, 1985, Council adopted the CTCSP Ordinance on September 20, 1985 (Ordinance No. 160394; Council File No. 83-1859) and subsequently revised on August 4, 1993 (Ordinance Nos. 168999 and 169000; Council File No. 88-1984-S1). The CTCSP area includes all or parts of the community plan areas for Westminster, Playa Del Rey, Palms, Mar Vista, Del Rey, Venice and the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Specific Plan Area. The CTCSP area is generally bounded by the City of Santa Monica on the north, Imperial Highway on the south, San Diego Freeway on the east, and the Pacific Ocean on the west. A map of the relevant area is included in the October 15, 2007 DOT report and is attached to the Council file.

The CTCSP Ordinance was adopted to provide a mechanism to fund transportation improvements necessary to mitigate and offset the projected traffic demands within the Specific Plan area, and

to require land use developers to mitigate any project-related significant transportation impacts. Unless exempt, new development projects are required to pay a Transportation Impact Assessment (TIA) Fee to the DOT prior to the issuance of any building, grading or foundation permit. The TIA Fees collected are deposited into the CTCSP Trust Fund and are used to partially fund transportation improvements that are identified in an appendix in the CTCSP. When the Specific Plan was adopted, these improvements were deemed necessary to address the existing and future traffic demands within the CTCSP area.

Finally, the DOT stated that while the City has been very successful in carrying out the goals of the CTCSP, the plan has become outdated. Prevailing traffic conditions and transportation priorities have changed since the inception of the plan and as such, the technical merit, political feasibility and/or financial for a number of CTCSP projects have become questionable.

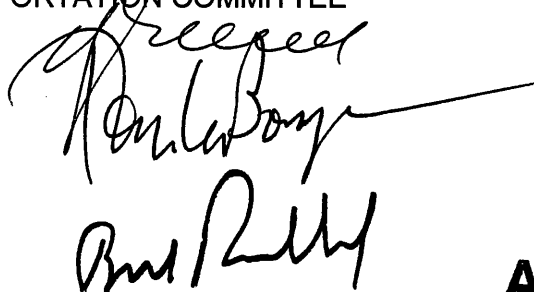
After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend authorizing the DOT to hire an outside consultant team to update the CTCSP and further authorize the necessary funding as detailed above in Recommendation Nos. 1-3.

Subsequently, on December 12, 2007 the Committee considered a November 8, 2007 DOT report relative to the update of the CTCSP. According to the DOT, given the example of past efforts to amend other Transportation Specific Plans and the amount of time needed to complete and certify an EIR, the CTCSP Update Project is expected to take three years to complete. To provide oversight and review of consultant-produced work products, including the EIR, the October 15, 2007 DOT report identified staffing costs for the DOT and Department of City Planning needed from the CTCSP Trust Fund. Two new positions are needed to restudy and update the CTCSP. The DOT and Department of City Planning would each require one new position to manage the consultant contracts, provide technical review, attend public workshops and commission hearings, prepare relevant staff reports and to lead the EIR certification process. The CTCSP Trust Fund would provide the necessary funds to hire one new City Planning Associate (Class No. 7941) for the Department of City Planning and one new Transportation Engineering Associate (Class Code 7280-3) position for the DOT.

After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations as contained in the November 8, 2007 DOT report in addition to those contained in the October 15, 2007 DOT report. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
GREUEL:	YES
PARKS:	ABSENT
LABONGE:	YES
ALARCÓN:	ABSENT
ROSENDAHL:	YES

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TO THE MAYOR FORTHWITH