



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
October 15, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager  
 Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks Recreation & Waterfront  
 Subject: Grant Application: The Air District Vehicle Trip Reduction Grant Program  
 – the Berkeley Marina Bicycle Electronic Locker Project

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to submit a grant application in the amount of \$71,510 to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (“Air District”) Vehicle Trip Reduction Grant Program for the Berkeley Marina Bicycle Electronic Locker Project; accept any grants; execute any resulting grant agreements and any amendments; and that Council authorize the implementation of the project and appropriation of funding for related expenses, subject to securing the grant.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The Air District’s Vehicle Trip Reduction Grant program requires a minimum of 10% local matching funds, and the application is more competitive with more local match. City staff developed a project with a total cost of \$93,900, including site preparation and installation of the electronic bicycle lockers. Based on technical limitations of the grant program (e.g., the grant only pays \$2,500 per locker and current pricing is \$3,500 per locker), the grant request is for \$71,510; and the local match of Marina Funds (608) is \$22,390 (or 24% local match). If awarded in the Fall of 2019, the grant funds will be appropriated as part of the First Amendment to the FY 2020 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

On August 29, 2019, the Air District announced the availability of grant funding for the Vehicle Trip Reduction Grant program. City staff identified a competitive project to install twenty (20) new electronic bicycle lockers at the Berkeley Marina to meet the growing needs of commuters accessing the small-scale commuter ferry service at the public dock at the Berkeley Marina, as well as visitors to the charter fishing boats, and other recreational users. Grant awards are anticipated in the Spring of 2020 and project completion is anticipated in the summer of 2021.

BACKGROUND

In 2018, to meet the growing needs for additional bicycle parking at the Berkeley Marina, staff installed two additional bicycle racks at the public dock (K Dock). Feedback from the public indicates that more secure bicycle parking is needed.

Electronic bicycle lockers have become popular throughout the Bay Area and would be a welcome addition to the Berkeley Marina.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

This work is part of the City’s overall effort to improve the infrastructure at the Berkeley Waterfront and help the City’s goal of reducing total vehicle miles traveled (VMT), which is central goal of the City’s Climate Action Plan. The Climate Action Plan also identifies public transit as a more sustainable form of transportation (Chapter 3), and sets a goal of expanding under-used modes of transportation, such as ferry service at the Berkeley Marina that would connect to San Francisco and other locations.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The City’s Climate Action Plan seeks to reduce vehicle miles traveled and encourage public transit and under-used modes of transportation such as ferry service. This project can help the City address these goals. In addition, this work supports the City of Berkeley’s strategic plan goal #1: Provide state-of-the-art, well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities.

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Attachments:  
1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S

GRANT APPLICATION: THE AIR DISTRICT VEHICLE TRIP REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM – THE BERKELEY MARINA BICYCLE ELECTRONIC LOCKER PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,510

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2019, the Air District announced the availability of grant funding for the Vehicle Trip Reduction Grant program; and

WHEREAS, City staff identified a competitive project to install twenty (20) new electronic bicycle lockers at the Berkeley Marina to meet the growing needs of commuters accessing the small-scale commuter ferry service at the public dock at the Berkeley Marina, as well as visitors to the charter fishing boats, and other recreational users; and

WHEREAS, the Air District's Vehicle Trip Reduction Grant program requires a minimum of 10% local matching funds, and the application is more competitive with more local match. City staff developed a project with a total cost of \$93,900, including site preparation and installation of the electronic bicycle lockers. Based on technical limitations of the grant program (e.g., the grant only pays \$2,500 per locker and current pricing is \$3,500 per locker), the grant request is for \$71,510; and the local match of Marina Funds (608) is \$22,390 (or 24% local match); and

WHEREAS, grant awards are anticipated in the Spring of 2020 and project completion is anticipated in the summer of 2021.

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds in the amount of \$22,390 in the Marina Fund (608) for the local match requirement, and if awarded in the Fall of 2019, the grant funds will be appropriated as part of the First Amendment to the FY 2020 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is authorized to: submit a grant application in the amount of \$71,510 to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Vehicle Trip Reduction Grant Program; accept any grants; execute any resulting grant agreements and any amendments; and that Council authorize the implementation of the project and appropriation of funding for related expenses, subject to securing the grant. A record signature copy of said agreements and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

