

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** Honorable City Council

**FROM:** Yugal K. Lall, City Engineer/Public Works Director  
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**DATE:** December 4, 2008 (CC Meeting of 12/17/08)

**SUBJECT:** Consider Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Construction of Lassen Avenue Bikeway/Walkway – Project 8074

**BACKGROUND**

On September 19, 2007, the City Council approved the Lassen Bikeway/Walkway project and appropriated funds for the design and construction of the project. The project will provide a 12-foot wide paved surface within the unimproved section of existing Lassen Avenue right-of-way. It will be accessible for use by pedestrians and bicyclists between Moorpark Avenue and Park Lane with connections at the ends of McFadden Avenue and Cornett Avenue. The improvements would serve as a temporary use until a determination as to the ultimate use of the Lassen Avenue right-of-way is made.

City Council resolved to amend the budget on September 19, 2007, to include \$140,000 for the design, construction and inspection of the Lassen Bikeway/Walkway improvements. At that time the funding sources were \$70,000 from Fund 2904 – MRA Area 1 2001 Bond and \$70,000 from Fund 1000 – General Fund. On April 16, 2008, the City Council resolved to apply for \$70,000 in Local Transportation Funds under the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3. On June 6, 2008, the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) approved the City's application for \$70,000 in TDA Article 3 funds. These funds, along with the MRA funds, will be used for the project instead of the General Fund. These changes were included in the Fiscal Year 2008/09 Budget.

On September 17, 2008, the City Council approved the Lassen Bikeway/Walkway project preliminary design.

**DISCUSSION**

A. Scope of Work

The subject project will construct a straight, 12-foot wide asphalt path within the unimproved Lassen Avenue right-of-way extending from Moorpark Avenue to Park Lane. The path will include striping, legends, and signs for a 6-foot wide walkway next to a 6-foot wide bikeway. A 5-foot strip of wood chips will be installed on either side of the paved path. The new path will have connecting ramps to McFadden Avenue and Cornett Avenue. A chain link fence will be added along the south right-of-way line to prevent ingress and egress from the path onto the Birkenshaw property. All existing improvements interfering with the construction of the path will be removed or abandoned (e.g. concrete slab, water well and stand pipe).

Staff has prepared final Plans and Specifications for the subject project, a copy of which has been placed on top of the file cabinet in the City Council Conference Room.

Staff has conducted an environmental determination and found the project to be categorically exempt.

B. Project Costs

The estimated costs for the project are as follows:

Design	\$15,000.00
Construction	\$120,000.00
Inspection	\$5,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$140,000.00</b>

C. Permits

- 1) Staff has applied for a Caltrans permit for the portion of work to be done within State right-of-way on Moorpark Avenue. The Caltrans permit will be obtained prior to advertisement for bids.
- 2) The contractor will be required to obtain a permit from Ventura County Watershed Protection District for the destruction of the existing water well within the project area.

D. Schedule

The anticipated project schedule is as follows:

Advertise for Bids	12/22/2008
Bid Opening	02/03/2009
Award of Construction Contract	02/18/2009
Notice to Proceed	03/18/2009
Project Completion	05/29/2009

E. Project Approval – Design Immunity

Approval of the plans and specifications for the subject project documents City Council approval of the scope and design of the project. This approval is also required for the purpose of establishing design immunity pursuant to Section 830.6 of the State of California Government Code.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The Fiscal Year 2008/09 Capital Improvements Budget adopted by City Council includes \$140,000 for the design, construction, and inspection of the Lassen Bikeway/Walkway improvements. The funding sources are \$70,000 from Fund 2904 – MRA Area 1 2001 Bond, and \$70,000 from Fund 2602 – TDA Article 3.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the plans and specifications for the subject project and authorize staff to advertise for construction bids.