

11. TAC Reports by Jurisdiction: Clayton, Concord, Martinez, Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek and Contra Costa County

Attachment: Excerpt from the April 7, 2011 CCTA Administration and Projects Committee Staff Report: Cities of Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek – Geary Road Improvements, Phase 3 (Project 24007): Request for Appropriation of Measure J funds for Environmental Studies and Design



Administration and Projects Committee Meeting STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: April 7, 2011

Subject	<p>Cities of Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek – Geary Road Improvements, Phase 3 (Project 24007): Request for Appropriation of Measure J funds for Environmental Studies and Design</p>
Summary of Issues	<p>The Cities of Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek are requesting an appropriation of Measure J funds for Geary Road Improvements, Phase 3 (Project 24007) for \$1,054,000. This appropriation is for Environmental Studies and Design. The City of Pleasant Hill and the City of Walnut Creek are working on this project together and are preparing a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) to delineate duties. The City of Pleasant Hill will be the administrator of the Measure J funds, and already has an executed Cooperative Agreement for this Measure J funding category. A cooperative agreement for the City of Walnut Creek is attached for approval.</p> <p>This project will construct a continuous dual left turn lane and exclusive bike lanes and pedestrian sidewalk as well other necessary improvements such as drainage and street lighting.</p>
Recommendations	<p>Staff recommends approval of Resolution 04-10-P appropriating \$1,054,000 for Environmental Studies and Design contingent on approval of the JPA between the Cities of Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek. Staff also recommends approval of Cooperative Agreement 24C.05 between the Authority and Walnut Creek.</p>
Financial Implications	<p>Amendment No. 1 to the 2009 Measure J Strategic Plan contains sufficient funds programmed for this project to fund this request.</p>
Options	<p>The Authority could choose to alter this request.</p>
Attachments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Letter from the Cities of Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek, dated March 28, 2011. B. Resolution 11-09-P. C. Cooperative Agreement 24C.05. D. Geary Road Improvements Phase-3 (Project 24007) Fact Sheet.
Changes from Committee	<p></p>

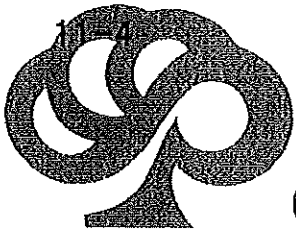
Background

The Geary Road project links Pleasant Hill Road with Treat Boulevard, and serves as the only arterial connection between northwest Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek. The Geary Road Improvements, Phase 3 project will complete the third and last phase of a corridor improvements project along Geary Road. The purpose of this three-phased improvements project is to increase operations and pedestrian/bicycle safety through the construction of continuous dual left turn lanes and exclusive bike lanes and pedestrian sidewalk. Other necessary improvements such as drainage and street lighting will also accompany the above improvements. Adjacent segments of Geary Road have already been improved; the improvements provide connectivity and continuity with the earlier improvements.

This is a cooperative project between the City of Pleasant Hill and the City of Walnut Creek due to the location of the city limit line which run down the middle of Geary Road in the project limits. The Cities are currently working on a joint exercise of powers agreement (JPA), which will provide the apportionment of duties and costs between the City of Pleasant Hill and the City of Walnut Creek. The JPA is expected to be approved by each City Council in April.

This appropriation request is for \$1,054,000 of Measure J funds programmed for the project, \$186,000 for environmental studies and \$868,000 for design. The appropriation is requested by the City of Pleasant Hill on behalf of both cities. The City of Pleasant Hill is going to be the administrator of the project in terms of Measure J funds, per the JPA agreement. Both cities will be incurring reimbursable expenses on the project. The City of Pleasant Hill already has a cooperative agreement with the Authority for this Major Streets: Traffic Flow, Safety and Capacity Improvements Measure J funding category. The cooperative agreement between the Authority and the City of Walnut Creek, No 24.05, is attached (Attachment C).

The project is currently funded by a combination of Measure J and local funds. Construction is currently scheduled for the summer of 2013. Staff seeks approval of Resolution 11-09-P and Cooperative Agreement No. 24C.05.



Attachment A

City of Pleasant Hill

March 28, 2011

Ross Chittenden
Contra Costa Transportation Authority
Deputy Executive Director - Projects
2999 Oak Road, Suite 100
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Subject: Request for Appropriation of Measure J Funds
Geary Road Improvements Project – Phase 3

Dear Mr. Chittenden:

The City of Pleasant Hill and the City of Walnut Creek request appropriation of \$1,054,000 in Measure J funds for the Geary Road Improvements Project – Phase 3, to cover the costs of environmental studies and design. This project is listed as Project No. 24007 in the *2009 Measure J Strategic Plan*.

The Plan allocates \$9.1 million in Measure J funds. This is a cooperative project with the City of Pleasant Hill and the City of Walnut Creek. The City of Pleasant Hill City Council approved the project as part of the City of Pleasant Hill adopted *FY 2011/2016 Capital Improvement Plan*. The City of Walnut Creek City Council also adopted the project as part of the 2008-10 Capital Budget. We are currently working on a joint exercise of powers agreement which will provide the apportionment of duties and costs between the City of Pleasant Hill and the City of Walnut Creek, which will be approved by each City Council in the near future.

Project Summary

The Geary Road project links Pleasant Hill Road with Treat Boulevard, and serves as the only arterial connection between northwest Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek. The proposed project will complement previous improvements completed by Walnut Creek to the east between Putnam Boulevard and North Main Street.

The proposed project scope includes traffic signal improvements, street lighting, traffic striping, and necessary drainage and pavement improvements in order to facilitate the construction of continuous dual left-turn lanes, exclusive bike lanes and new pedestrian sidewalks, which will enhance bicycle and pedestrian facilities and safety throughout Geary Road.

Financial Plan

The project budget is allocated as follows:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Local Funds</u>	<u>Measure J Funds</u>	<u>Total Costs</u>
Administration	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 100,000
Preliminary Engineering	\$ 190,000	\$ 0	\$ 190,000
*Environmental Studies	\$ 0	\$ 186,000	\$ 186,000
*Design	\$ 0	\$ 868,000	\$ 868,000
Right of Way / Easements	\$ 0	\$ 62,000	\$ 62,000
Construction Administration	\$ 0	\$ 930,000	\$ 930,000
Construction	\$ 660,000	\$ 6,956,000	\$ 7,616,000
Total	\$ 900,000	\$ 9,052,000	\$ 9,952,000

***Current Appropriation Requested**

Preliminary Engineering is complete. Developer traffic impact fees will be used to fund the local contribution for the project. We are requesting appropriation of \$1,054,000 to complete environmental studies and design.

Project Schedule

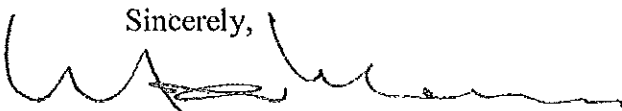
The project schedule is estimated as follows:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>
Administration	01/2009	04/2015
Preliminary Engineering	01/2009	03/2011
Environmental Studies	04/2011	09/2012
Design	04/2011	01/2013
Right of Way / Easements	09/2011	12/2012
Construction and Construction Management	04/2013	04/2015


We appreciate you bringing this request to the CCTA Board for review and consideration at the April meeting. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this project, please contact Rod Wui at 671-5261 or via email at rwui@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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City of Pleasant Hill



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City Engineer
City of Walnut Creek

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