

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: OCTOBER 13, 2010

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

BY: MIKE KAMINO, PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 10-1602 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA RECOMMENDING AND AUTHORIZING TWO APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2010-2011 DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS AS PART OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS' COMPASS BLUEPRINT PROGRAM

In 2000, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) began a “growth vision” process that resulted in the *2004 Compass Blueprint Growth Vision Report*. The Compass Blueprint Growth Vision is an approach to land use and transportation issues in the region that focuses on the four principles of mobility, livability, prosperity and sustainability. SCAG partner jurisdictions can apply for free planning services via a Demonstration Project, which avails the jurisdiction of: (1) consultant services; (2) SCAG staff time; (3) financial resources; and (4) technical assistance.

SCAG selects projects for these services based on a series of criteria, including integration of land use and transportation planning; development planned within or adjacent to existing developed or underutilized areas; and coordination with stakeholders through an advisory group, among others. SCAG identifies the Demonstration Project as an opportunity for local planning efforts to become regional showcases for great planning, and to enable cities and counties to better evaluate planning options and stimulate sustainable development opportunities.

Staff is preparing applications for two projects under the Compass Blueprint Demonstration Project program. The two projects are reflected in the General Plan Implementation Program as high priority measures. The first project is to prepare a planning framework for Subarea 5 in the recently adopted General Plan, which is the area on the north side of Agoura Road between the County Animal Shelter and Kanan Village Shopping Center. This is informally referred to as the “North Agoura Road Planning Area.” The General Plan indicates that a Specific Plan or other regulatory document be prepared to guide the properties in this area. The proposed project would involve conducting initial technical studies and gathering public input on potential land use and development alternatives for the area. Specifically, the tasks include: market feasibility study, circulation opportunities and constraints analysis, a preliminary land use plan and design considerations, and property owner/stakeholder input. The goal of the project is to provide a

preliminary study of viable land use and development options for this area to inform a future Specific Plan or other regulatory document, to be prepared at a later date.

The second project consists of preparing a conceptual pedestrian plan in the area of the Thousand Oaks Boulevard and Kanan Road intersection to facilitate pedestrian access to the shopping centers along Kanan Road from neighboring residential areas. This area is informally referred to as the “Kanan Road/Thousand Oaks Boulevard Intersection Pedestrian Plan.” The project would include preparing a conceptual plan for: (1) pedestrian traffic measures; (2) enhancement of existing, and exploring possible new, pedestrian pathways; and (3) landscaping and other design treatments to enrich the pedestrian experience. The goal of this project is to encourage pedestrian circulation in the area, and the plan could be used as a template for the rest of the City.

SCAG has not identified the extent of funds available for this program. As part of the application, jurisdictions must provide a cost estimate for the Demonstration Project being sought. No minimum or maximum monetary requests have been established by SCAG, and there is no requirement for a City matching fund. As part of the applications, staff would propose that City staff time be provided to assist in the Demonstration Project work, and considered as matching funds.

Applications for the program are due on October 21, 2010, at 5:00 p.m., and guidelines recommend providing a resolution of support from the City Council for the application.

The attached resolution recommends and authorizes the City’s participation in the Demonstration Project program, and authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to execute all documents associated with the program.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 10-1602 recommending and authorizing two applications for the 2010-2011 Demonstration Projects as part of the Southern California Association of Government’s Compass Blueprint Program, and direct the City Manager, or his designee, to execute all documents associated with the program.

Attachment: Resolution No. 10-1602

RESOLUTION NO: 10-1602

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING AND AUTHORIZING TWO APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2010-2011 DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS AS PART OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS' COMPASS BLUEPRINT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in 2000, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) began a growth vision process that resulted in the 2004 Compass Blueprint Growth Vision Report; and

WHEREAS, the Compass Blueprint Growth Vision is an approach to land use and transportation issues in the region that focuses on the four principles of mobility, livability, prosperity and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Compass Blueprint Demonstration Project provides an opportunity for a SCAG partner jurisdiction to obtain free planning services to better evaluate planning options and stimulate sustainable development opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, HEREBY:

1. Recommends and authorizes the filing of applications for the 2010-2011 Demonstration Projects under SCAG's Compass Blueprint Program for the North Agoura Road Planning Area, and the Kanan Road and Thousand Oaks Boulevard Intersection Pedestrian Plan.
2. Appoints the City Manager, or his or her designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications and agreements, which may be necessary for the completion of the acceptance process for a Compass Blueprint Demonstration Project.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED, this 13th day of October, 2010 by the following vote to wit:

AYES: ()
NOES: ()
ABSTAIN: ()
ABSENT: ()

William D. Koehler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MMC
City Clerk