



Agenda Item No. \_\_\_\_\_

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# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** February 3, 2009

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Transportation Division, Public Works Department

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of Caltrans Bicycle Transportation Account Grant for Vehicle Detection Equipment

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council accept a Caltrans Bicycle Transportation Account grant of \$461,260 for vehicle detection equipment, increase the Streets Grant Capital Fund estimated revenues by this amount, and appropriate such revenues to the Fiscal Year 2009 capital budget.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The City of Santa Barbara was awarded a Fiscal Year 2008 Caltrans Bicycle Transportation Account grant in the amount of \$461,260 to upgrade the in-pavement loop traffic detectors with video detectors at 28 City intersections. The project will improve the detection of bicycles and vehicles at the intersections. This project focuses on existing and proposed Class II and Class III routes identified in the City's Bicycle Master Plan. The intent of the project is to increase access on and across local and regional streets to large numbers of commuter trip generators, such as businesses, schools, retail sites, and homes.

### **BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

This grant award increases the funding available for bicycle facilities by \$461,260. A local match of \$75,300 is required and will come from the Streets Capital Budget.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:**

This project will increase the responsiveness of traffic signals to bicycle and vehicle arrivals, therefore improving the sustainable transportation infrastructure.

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