




City of Carson

Report to Mayor and City Council

June 18, 2013
New Business Discussion

SUBJECT: CONSIDER APPOINTING ONE COUNCILMEMBER TO THE CARSON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP


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Approved by David C. Biggs
City Manager

I. SUMMARY

On June 4, 2013, the City Council approved Resolution No. 13-054 (Exhibit No. 1) to authorize staff to work on the Carson Active Transportation Plan in partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and UCLA/RAND.

In addition, the City Council approved the formation of the Stakeholder Advisory Group consisting of representatives of the City Council, designated commissioners, the Chamber of Commerce, the California State University at Dominguez Hills, and resident members at large. Furthermore, the Mayor appointed himself to the Stakeholder Advisory Group and requested a continuance to appoint the other member of the City Council to the Stakeholder Advisory Group.

II. RECOMMENDATION

APPOINT one Councilmember to serve on the Stakeholder Advisory Group.

III. ALTERNATIVES

1. DENY the request.
2. TAKE another action that the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

The grant funds to prepare the Active Transportation Plan is available through the Healthy Eating Active Living Initiative. A twenty one member Stakeholder Advisory Group including two Council members will be formed to assist in the outreach program to prepare the Active Transportation Plan.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Disposition and Staff Report, June 4, 2013, Item No. 4. (without exhibits).(pgs. 3-6)

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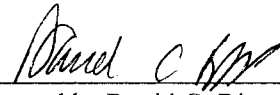
City of Carson

Report to Mayor and City Council

June 4, 2013
New Business Consent

SUBJECT: CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 13-054 TO AUTHORIZE CITY STAFF TO WORK ON THE PREPARATION OF THE CARSON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND TO AUTHORIZE A STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP


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I. SUMMARY

On May 14, 2013, UCLA/RAND Prevention Research Center (UCLA/RAND) received a Healthy Eating Active Living Initiative (HEAL) grant from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. A copy of the preliminary contract between UCLA and County of Los Angeles has been included as Exhibit No. 2. The City of Carson will act as UCLA/Rand's primary partner on the HEAL initiative in Carson. Carson, primarily through efforts of the Mayor's Office, has been partnering with the UCLA/RAND for over a decade to improve the health and well being of our community. The HEAL grant will provide for the preparation of an Active Transportation Plan to identify a network of pedestrian and bicycle investments that can increase access to public transit, improve public health, increase energy independence and create walkable and bikeable neighborhoods. The Scope of Work has been included as Exhibit No. 3. The grant requires the City Council to adopt Resolution No. 13-054 (Exhibit No. 1), committing City staff to work on the project.

As part of the Active Transportation Plan program, a Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) is planned to obtain input from residents and businesses in the development of an Active Transportation Plan. Staff is seeking authorization to form the committee, a determination from the City Council on the composition of this committee and the appointment of two Councilmembers to the committee.

II. RECOMMENDATION

TAKE the following actions:

1. AUTHORIZE staff to work on the Carson Active Transportation Plan in partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and UCLA/RAND.
2. APPROVE the formation of the Stakeholder Advisory Group consisting of representatives of the City Council, designated Carson Commissions and the Chamber of Commerce, the California State University at Dominguez Hills and resident members at large.

EXHIBIT NO. 01



3. APPOINT two Councilmembers to serve on the Stakeholder Advisory Group.
4. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 13-054, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO WORK ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND UCLA/RAND PROJECT IN SUPPORT OF THE CARSON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN."

III. ALTERNATIVES

1. DENY the request.
2. TAKE another action that the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

Healthy Eating Active Living Initiative

The grant funds to prepare the Active Transportation Plan are available through the HEAL Initiative. The HEAL Initiative is made possible by an award received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Community Transformation Grants initiative. The Community Transformation Grants initiative will support a number of projects, including the HEAL Initiative grant program, to reduce obesity, prevent chronic disease, and address health disparities in the county population. In the grant application, UCLA/RAND proposed to partner with the City of Carson to prepare an Active Transportation Plan to achieve these objectives.

During the preparation of the Active Transportation Plan, staff will examine the existing infrastructure for pedestrians, bicycles, and transit to ensure connectivity between people and their destinations such as schools, shopping, parks, and work. The recommendations of the Carson Master Plan of Bikeways will be incorporated in the Active Transportation Plan. The plan will develop policies and programs to make it safer, more enjoyable, and convenient to walk, bike, and use transit. This plan will also be used as a guide for planning and construction of transportation improvements. The Active Transportation Plan will position Carson for a healthier more active future. It may also include other aspects of healthy communities such as healthy eating habits. The goal of the Active Transportation Plan will be to encourage the residents, employees and visitors in all age groups and abilities to live an active and healthy life style.

The preparation of the Active Transportation Plan will be lead by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC will include UCLA/RAND and staff members from planning, engineering, parks and recreation, public safety, and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The HEAL grant allows UCLA/RAND to hire a new employee who is specifically dedicated to the Carson project and

who will be assigned primarily to work from city hall. The Active Transportation Plan will be prepared with extensive community outreach. A Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) will be formed to assist in this outreach program. The SAG will include 21 members of the community. Staff is proposing that the SAG be composed from the following:

• City Council	2
• Planning Commission	1
• Parks and Recreation Commission	1
• Environmental Commission	1
• Citywide Advisory Commission	1
• Economic Development Commission	1
• Public Works Committee	1
• Senior Citizen Advisory Commission	1
• Youth Commission	1
• CSUDH	1
• Velodrome/StubHub Center	1
• Chamber of Commerce (small/large business representative)	2
• Carson Boys and Girls Club	1
• Gardena Carson YMCA	1
• LAUSD	1
• Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	1
• Residents at large	<u>3</u>
Total	21

Staff is recommending that each commission and organization appoint its own member(s). Serving on the SAG will involve a series of meetings and dedication for a period of about two years. There will be no compensation to the committee members for the time spent at meetings. The members appointed by their commissions and organizations should be willing to take the necessary time to attend all meetings and to report back to their commissions and organizations on the progress of the Active Transportation Plan and associated activities. The first meeting is planned for September. The SAG will be instrumental in achieving a consensus among the varying city interests. Staff will provide periodic updates to

pertinent commissions and the City Council to present additional information throughout the planning process.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

None. The grant will be administered by UCLA/RAND and could include potentially up to \$475,000.00 for a period up to four years. Grant funds will be distributed to UCLA/RAND who is obligated to use approximately half of the grant to hire a new employee specifically dedicated to the Carson project. The City will receive five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) annually from the grant to pay for incidental expenses to accommodate the new staff member and other expenses related to the project. The rest of the funds will be used by UCLA/RAND to administer the project.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Resolution No. 13-054 (pg. 5)
2. Contract (pgs. 6-138)
3. Scope of Work (pgs. 139-151)

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