



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** October 20, 2009

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

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

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance And Appropriation Of American Recovery And Reinvestment Act Funding

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council:

- A. Accept the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding in the total amount of \$3,774,796; and
- B. Increase estimated revenues by \$3,774,796 in the Fiscal Year 2010 Streets Capital Fund, and appropriate \$2,674,796 for the Road Overlay and Maintenance Project, \$800,000 for the Access Ramp and Sidewalk Maintenance Project, and \$300,000 for the Pedestrian Countdown Timers and Battery Backup Upgrades Project.

### **DISCUSSION:**

On February 17, 2009, the President of the United States signed the ARRA. The ARRA includes measures intended to stimulate the economy in the wake of the economic downturn. The total of the measures is \$787 billion, of which \$27.5 billion has been made available for eligible highway and bridge construction projects.

In early March 2009, the Federal government allocated roadway ARRA funds to each State. The City's portion of the ARRA funds were determined by a population based formula through the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG). The total City share of roadway ARRA funds is \$3,774,796. To ensure the timely expenditure of all regional roadway ARRA funds, SBCAG set a deadline requiring local agencies to obligate funds by October 15, 2009.

As presented to Council on June 30, 2009, the City will divide its share of roadway ARRA funds into the following projects:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Authorization Date</b>
Road Overlay and Maintenance	\$2,674,796	9/18/09
Access Ramp and Sidewalk Maintenance	\$800,000	9/18/09
Pedestrian Countdown Timers and Battery Backup Upgrades	\$300,000	9/22/09
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,774,796</b>	

On September 22, 2009, the City received the final authorization from Caltrans to proceed with the construction of these projects, thus meeting the SBCAG deadline of October 15, 2009, to obligate funds.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Staff is recommending that Council appropriate funds equal to the grant funding available to enable bidding and award of construction contracts for these projects. The entire construction phase for these projects is 100% reimbursable.

**PREPARED BY:** John Ewasiuk, Principal Civil Engineer/BD/mj

**SUBMITTED BY:** Christine F. Andersen, Public Works Director

**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office