COUNCIL DECISION REQUEST

SUBJECT: Main Street Enhancement Grant

MEETING DATE: 10-22-09

PAYSON GOAL: NEW: EXISTING:

ITEM NO.:

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

SUBMITTED BY: LaRon Garrett / Ray Erlandsen

AMOUNT BUDGETED: $0

SUBMITTAL TO AGENDA
APPROVED BY TOWN MANAGER

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: $0

CONT. FUNDING REQUIRED: $0

EXHIBITS (If Applicable, To Be Attached): E-mail from Bill Leister, CAAG

POSSIBLE MOTION

I move to authorize staff to submit a formal request to the Arizona Department of Transportation to withdraw the Main Street Transportation Enhancement Grant.

SUMMARY OF THE BASIS FOR POSSIBLE MOTION:

This issue was last discussed at the July 23, 2009 Town Council Meeting. The Council Decision Request before the Council at that time offered three options: 1) Submit a formal request to ADOT to extend the approved timeline and postpone the completion date from August 2009 to August 2012; 2) Submit a formal request to ADOT to revise/decrease the project's scope and budget by eliminating all paving and curbing; and 3) Submit a formal request to ADOT to withdraw the project as approved and resubmit when the Town has the financial ability to provide the required leverage funds to complete the project.

The majority of the discussion centered on requesting a time extension (Option No. 1) and if the extension was not approved, then to withdraw the project rather than have the review committee cancel the funding because of Payson not meeting the deadlines. Even though the Council discussion included the plan to with draw if the extension was not approved, it was not included in the approved motion. The approved motion only directed Staff to pursue the time extension.

The Transportation Enhancement Review Committee (TERC) met last week to discuss the Transportation Enhancement projects. At that meeting Payson's representative, Bill Leister, requested the 3 year time extension, as directed. After discussion, the TERC denied the requested extension. Bill then discussed with the TERC the ramifications of the Town withdrawing the grant application and reapplying when financial conditions were more favorable. The TERC members felt that the Town voluntarily withdrawing was a good move and would be looked at much more favorably when Payson applies for future Transportation Enhancement grants than if the TERC cancelled the existing grant.

Therefore, Town Staff is requesting Council to clarify the original motion to include the next step that was discussed at the July 23, 2009 meeting which was withdrawing the grant application if the TERC did not approve the time extension.

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PROS: Withdrawing at this time will be looked at favorably by the TERC.

CONS: The Town will not be able to do the improvements on Main Street at this time.

PUBLIC INPUT (if any):

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS (if any) (give dates and attach minutes):

FUNDING:

Acct:	Budget:	Available	Expense:	Remaining:
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Garrett, LaRon

From: Bill Leister [BLeister@caagcentral.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2009 10:03 AM
To: Garrett, LaRon
Subject: RE: TE Grant

Hi LaRon,

Last week at the TERC it was decided that too much time had gone by without enough progress being made on the Main Street Project. The request for a 2 year extension was denied. I told them that Payson would cancel the project and send them something in writing to that effect. This project probably would have been cancelled by the Committee at our mid-year meeting anyway.

I really think this is the best thing for Payson. In 2 or 3 years; if the Town comes back with a new application, it will be looked upon more favorably than it would if the Committee had to cancel the project for you. Also the cap has been raised on local projects from $500,000 to $750,000 and the upfront scoping costs (substantial dollar amounts) will be covered by ADOT instead of the local entity. The old application would have had to have been completed under the old rules and cap.

I look forward to working with the Town on a new application when it becomes economically feasible again.

Bill