

City of Carson City  
Agenda Report

Item # 5-7B

**Date Submitted:** October 9, 2007

**Agenda Date Requested:** October 18, 2007

**Time Requested:** Consent Agenda

**To:** Mayor and Supervisors

**From:** Parks and Recreation Department

**Subject Title:** Action to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a funding agreement between Carson City (Grantee) and the State of Nevada, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of State Lands (Grantor), for \$85,000 in grant funds to be used towards the purchase and related grading and construction work for two new prefabricated bridges which will cross the Mexican Ditch.

**Staff Summary:** City staff has applied for and been awarded grant funding from the State of Nevada, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, through the Question 1 Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Program. These grant funds will be used towards the purchase, grading, and construction work for two new prefabricated bridges which cross the Mexican Ditch. These bridges will link two existing sections of trail. Board of Supervisors approval of the funding agreement will allow City staff to proceed with the project and implement a portion of the Unified Pathways Master Plan.

**Type of Action Requested:** (check one)

Resolution

Ordinance

Formal Action/Motion

Other (Specify)

**Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement:**  Yes  No

**Recommended Board Action:** I move to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a funding agreement between Carson City (Grantee) and the State of Nevada, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of State Lands (Grantor), for \$85,000 in grant funds to be used towards the purchase and related grading and construction work for two new prefabricated bridges which will cross the Mexican Ditch.

**Explanation for Recommended Board Action:** On April 6, 2006, the Board of Supervisors approved the Unified Pathways Master Plan which identified goals such as, 1) Create a continuous transportation system that provides non-automobile mobility and access to important destinations; 2) Provide a continuous system of recreational pathways; and 3) Provide a continuous transportation system which emphasizes east/west and north/south connectivity. The plan's objectives include completing the "missing links" to ensure a continuous network of pathways that are free of gaps and barriers. In addition, on September 21, 2006, the Board of Supervisors approved revisions to the City's priority list for the State of Nevada's Question 1 Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Program Projects which identified the Mexican Ditch Multi-Use Trail from Hidden Meadows to Silver Saddle Ranch as a project. Also, on March 2, 2007, the Board of Supervisors approved the allocation of up to \$40,000 from Open Space Program funds to be used as a partial match on grant applications for the planning and construction of two bridges over the Mexican Ditch. With the Board's conceptual approval of this project, staff has moved forward on implementation.

**Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** \$40,000 from the Open Space Program funds, previously awarded by the Board of Supervisors on March 2, 2007.