



City of Huntington Beach

File #: 23-154

MEETING DATE: 2/21/2023

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

SUBMITTED BY: Al Zelinka, City Manager

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PREPARED BY: Shannon Levin, Council Policy Analyst

Subject:

City Council to consider positions by Intergovernmental Relations Committee (IRC)

Statement of Issue:

On February 13, 2023 the Intergovernmental Relations Committee (IRC), comprised of Mayor Tony Strickland, Mayor Pro Tem Gracey Van Der Mark, and Council Member Pat Burns discussed legislative items with relevance to Huntington Beach. Following discussion, the IRC took positions on legislative and policy issues for presentation to the City Council for consideration.

Financial Impact:

Not applicable.

Recommended Action:

Consider one or more of the actions on the following issues proposed by the IRC:

1. Submit a Letter of Support for SB 381 (Min) - Electric Bicycles Study; and,
2. Recommend that staff issue Request for Qualifications for State Legislative Advocacy Services and Federal Legislative Advocacy Services separately.

Alternative Action(s):

Do not approve one or more recommended action, and direct staff accordingly.

Analysis:

On February 13, 2023, the IRC reviewed and discussed various legislative, regional issues, and policy with relevance to Huntington Beach. The following is a summary of the positions taken by the IRC and presented to City Council for consideration.

SB 381 (Min) - electric bike study, would direct the Mineta Transportation Institute at San Jose University to conduct a study on electric bicycles to inform efforts to improve the safety of riders and pedestrians. The bill would require the study to examine or compile, among other things, data on injuries, accidents, emergency room visits, and deaths related to bicycles and e-bicycles and data on

best practices for safety of bicycles and e-bikes.

City staff issued two Request for Proposals for State Legislative Advocacy and Federal Legislative Advocacy. After evaluation of the proposals, the IRC recommended 3-0 to issue Request for Qualifications for the solicitation of State Legislative Advocacy and Federal Legislative Advocacy Services respectively.

The IRC reviewed the request for a letter of support to Mesa Water District for the Local SiP application for grant funds. The estimated cost of the feasibility study is approximately \$400,000-\$500,000. The City of Newport Beach will contribute \$25,000 in grant match funds. City of Huntington Beach staff recommends the City contribute \$25,000 in grant match funds to secure a stake in the opportunity. Mesa Water District and Orange County Water District will cover the remaining funds. This item is presented before City Council tonight as a separate item.

Environmental Status:

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment do not constitute a project.

Strategic Plan Goal:

Non Applicable - Administrative Item

Attachment(s):

1. SB 381 Min - Letter of Support e-bike Study