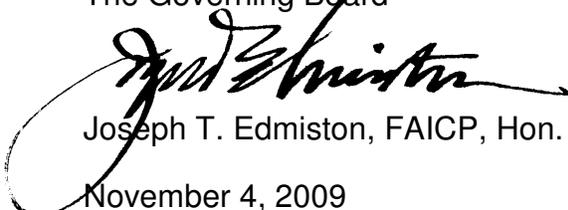


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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: November 4, 2009

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing an application for Environmental Enhancement Mitigation Program (EEMP) grant funds for the Lower Compton Creek project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing an application for Environmental Enhancement Mitigation Program (EEMP) grant funds for the Lower Compton Creek project.

Background: The Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP), as provided by the Streets and Highways Code Section 164.56, authorizes the allocation of up to \$10 million each year for grants to State, local and federal governmental agencies and non-profit organizations to mitigate the environmental impacts of modified or new public transportation facilities. The "Grant Guidelines" require that the applicant submit an Authorizing Resolution from the applicant's governing body. Applications for funding in the 2009-2010 fiscal year are due November 16, 2009.

An application for the Lower Compton Creek project will be submitted for funding through this program. The Lower Compton Creek project is a greenway connection that would provide or enhance access to the Compton Creek bikepath.