



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



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TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM - CYCLE 4 GRANT APPLICATIONS AND STATING THE CITY'S ASSURANCE TO COMPLETE THE PROJECTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

In the interest of obtaining grant funding toward roadway improvement projects, City staff prepared two (2) applications for the statewide Active Transportation Program – Cycle 4 grant administered by CalTrans and the California Transportation Commission. The applications are for the F Street Promenade – Phase 1 and the Main Street Streetscape projects. ATP funds are dedicated to projects that encourage increased use of active modes of transportation.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed activity has been reviewed for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and it has been determined that the activity qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land); Section 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan or Zoning); and Section 15061(b)(3) because it creates a balanced, connected, safe, and convenient transportation network designed to serve all users via walking, biking, public transit, and driving. It can also be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. Further, there is no possibility that the proposed activity would create cumulative impacts that are significant, and there are no unusual circumstances that would cause any such significant impacts. Thus, no further environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

DISCUSSION

On May 16, 2018, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) announced the Active Transportation Program (ATP) - Cycle 4 Call for Projects. The purpose of the ATP is to increase the roadway usage by all

active modes of transportation, giving preference to areas of high pedestrian and bicycle activity, as well as disadvantaged communities. This call for projects is targeted for approximately \$440M in Federal, and State SB1 and SHA funding. The funding/programming years are expected to include FY19/20, 20/21, 21/22 and 22/23.

For ATP – Cycle 4, City staff worked in collaboration with Urban Corps of San Diego County, Tree San Diego and the Center for Sustainable Energy on the preparation of two grant applications. It is recommended that the City apply for grant funding of the following projects:

Proposed Project 1: F STREET PROMENADE – PHASE 1

Project Location:

Overall Project – F Street (Bay Boulevard to Third Avenue)

Phase 1 – F Street (Bay Boulevard to Broadway)

Project Description:

The goal of the F Street Promenade project is to develop a balanced, connected, safe, and convenient transportation network designed to serve all users, regardless of their age or ability, that will also provide multi-modal access (via walking, biking, and transit) to downtown Chula Vista on Third Avenue, the Chula Vista Civic Center, the E Street Trolley Station (one block north of study area), and the Chula Vista Bayfront. The need for the project is identified in both the City’s General Plan and the Urban Core Specific Plan.

Proposed improvements include enhancing pedestrian and bicycle facilities by expanding the existing five-foot wide sidewalk to create a 12’ wide multi-use pathway on both sides of the street. The project will also include landscaped and lighted parkways, bulb-outs, new or improved crosswalks and the undergrounding of overhead utilities. To provide added space for these improvements, vehicular travel lanes would be reduced to one lane in each direction. On-street parking will remain, but will be relocated to the area of the eliminated travel lane closest to the curbline.

Since ATP requires all projects to be completed within four years of being awarded funding, staff recommends applying for grant funding to cover preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and construction costs for only Phase 1 of the F Street Promenade project (from Bay Boulevard to Broadway). There will be a \$3,200,000 local match provided by the Utility Underground Program 20A fund.

Total - Estimated Cost: \$16,400,000 (PE, R/W, UUD, CON)

Phase 1 - Estimated Cost: \$8,080,000 (PE, R/W, UUD, CON)
(ATP Contribution: \$4,780,000/Local Contribution: \$3,300,000)

Proposed Project 2: MAIN STREET STREETScape – PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING

Project Location:

Main Street (I-5 Freeway to I-805 Freeway)

Project Description:

The Main Street Streetscape project encourages active transportation and proposes improvements needed to provide a more complete circulation system for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and automobile traffic. The project presents a balanced transportation system that improves pedestrian safety, alerts drivers to share the road with bicyclists, connects Main Street to the Regional bicycle network, and improves exposure for local businesses and destinations.

Proposed improvements include continuous sidewalks and Class II bicycle facilities along the entire corridor, with segmented raised medians to create pedestrian refuge areas. The project will also include landscaped and lighted parkways, bulb-outs and new bus shelters with bike racks.

Due to the overall length (approximately 3 miles) and complexity of the corridor, staff recommends applying for ATP grant funding to cover the Preliminary Engineering phase of the overall Main Street Streetscape project. With completed construction plans and right-of-way determinations, the City will be in a more competitive position to receive construction funding with future grant opportunities.

Total Estimated Cost: **\$25,800,000 (PE, R/W, CON)**
Preliminary Engineering: \$2,000,000 (ATP Contribution: \$2,000,000)

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the property holdings of the City Council members and has found no property holdings within 500 feet of the boundaries of the property which is the subject of this action. Consequently, this item does not present a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under California Code of Regulations Title 2, section 18702.2(a)(11), for purposes of the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code §87100,et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision maker conflict of interest in this matter.

LINK TO STRATEGIC GOALS

The City's Strategic Plan has five major goals: Operational Excellence, Economic Vitality, Healthy Community, Strong and Secure Neighborhoods and a Connected Community. The F Street Promenade and Main Street Streetscape projects support the Strong and Secure Neighborhoods goal. These projects facilitate mixed-use, pedestrian and bicycle oriented development, that incorporates the City's Complete Streets policy by addressing the needs for all modes of transportation for residents and visitors of the City alike.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the General Fund. If a grant is awarded, staff will return to Council with a recommendation to accept and appropriate grant funds.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

Upon construction completion, the projects will require routine maintenance.

ATTACHMENTS

1. F Street Promenade – Phase 1 Exhibit
2. Main Street Streetscape - Exhibit

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