

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF CHULA VISTA AUTHORIZING
SUBMITTAL OF FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2015-16
HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
(HSIP) CYCLE 7 GRANT APPLICATIONS AND
COMMITTING MATCHING FUNDS THEREFOR

WHEREAS, on Monday, April 27, 2015, Caltrans Division of Local Assistance announced Cycle 7 Call for Projects for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP); and

WHEREAS, this Call for Projects is targeted for approximately \$150 million of federal HSIP funds based on the estimated programming capacity in the 2015 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP); and

WHEREAS, the HSIP, codified as Section 148 of Title 23, United States Code (23 U.S.C. §148) remains as one of the core federal-aid programs in the new federal surface transportation act, “Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century” (MAP-21), which was signed into law on July 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the HSIP program is to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads, including non-State-owned public roads and roads on tribal land; and

WHEREAS, eligible project proposals must identify a specific problem with a publicly-owned roadway, bicycle/pedestrian pathway or trail and a countermeasure that will correct or substantially improve the condition and safety to the users of those facilities; and

WHEREAS, the maximum federal HSIP reimbursement amount for any single HSIP project is \$10,000,000. All project expenses that exceed the maximum federal HSIP reimbursement amount will be the responsibility of the project sponsor and will not be eligible for reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the grant also requires a local match of 10 percent, which would come from TransNet funds; and

WHEREAS, three candidate projects are proposed to be submitted prior to the July 31, 2015 deadline; and

WHEREAS, city staff recommends applying for HSIP grant funds and has identified the following projects:

- 1- Traffic Signal Modifications at Broadway/“F” Street and Broadway/“G” Street

- 2- Pedestrian Crosswalk Enhancements at H Street/Oaklawn Avenue, Fourth Avenue/Park Way, Fourth Avenue/Davidson Street, and Signal Rephasing at H Street/Woodlawn Avenue
- 3- Palomar Street Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Signal Improvements between Industrial Boulevard and Broadway

WHEREAS, The Development Services Director has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because the proposal consists of an administrative funding solicitation without the assurance that these funds will be procured for future projects. Once the funding is obtained and the projects clearly defined, then, additional environmental review will be conducted and the appropriate determination will be made. Therefore, pursuant to Section 15060 (c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista, that it does hereby authorize submittal of FFY2015-16 (Fiscal Federal Year) Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 7 grant applications and commit matching funds therefor.

Presented by

Approved as to form by

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