



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



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TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - CYCLE 10 THROUGH CALTRANS, AND STATING THE CITY'S ASSURANCE TO COMPLETE THE PROJECTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

In the interest of obtaining federal grant funding to improve the safety of motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians of the City, staff is requesting authorization to file Highway Safety Improvement Program – Cycle 10 grant applications for the following candidate projects: 1) Olympic Parkway Traffic Calming, 2) Radar Speed Feedback Signs at Various Locations; and 3) North Second Avenue Shoulder Improvements.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed project for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1 (Existing Facilities) and/or Section 15303 class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) because the proposed project would not result in a significant effect on the environment, create a cumulative impact, damage a scenic highway, or cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Thus, no further environmental review is required

DISCUSSION

On May 5, 2020, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Federal Highway Association announced the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) - Cycle 10 Call for Projects. The purpose of the HSIP is to achieve a significant reduction in fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. This call for projects is targeted for approximately \$220M in State funds exchanged for Federal HISP funding.

Staff requests authorization to apply for grant funding of the following prospective projects for HSIP - Cycle 10:

Prospective Project 1: OLYMPIC PARKWAY TRAFFIC CALMING

Project Location: Olympic Pkwy between Brandywine Av. and Eastlake Pkwy

Project Description:

The project would include implementation of various measures to reduce vehicle speeds and improve traffic safety along the corridor.

The following improvements are being considered with this project:

- Upgrades to existing speed signage,
- Installation of radar speed feedback signs at targeted locations,
- Possible curb extensions at applicable locations, and
- Possible seal coat placement on the corridor to restripe narrower travel lanes.

Staff intends to apply for HSIP funding for preliminary engineering (PE) and construction (CON) phases.

Total - Approximate Cost*: \$2,000,000 (PE, CON)

Approximate Contribution: \$2,000,000 (HSIP)

Prospective Project 2: RADAR SPEED FEEDBACK SIGNS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Project Location: Various locations Citywide

Project Description:

Radar speed feedback signs are frequently used as a traffic calming measure when other such measures are not applicable or appropriate. This project proposes to install feedback signs on collector roadways where elevated speeds were observed.

Staff intends to apply for HSIP funding for PE and CON phases.

Total - Approximate Cost*: \$120,000 (PE, CON)

Approximate Contribution: \$120,000 (HSIP)

Prospective Project 3: NORTH SECOND AVENUE SHOULDER IMPROVEMENTS

Project Location: North Second Av. between 'C' St. and Bayview Wy.

Project Description:

The project would install improvements to the easterly roadway shoulder along North Second Avenue including upgrading the existing guardrail at the top of the slope east of North Second Avenue.

This project will be Chula Vista's first application for an HSIP funding set-aside whereby application selection is not based on the benefit-cost ratio (BCR), unlike the above prospective applications as well as those in prior HSIP cycles.

Staff intends to apply for HSIP funding for PE and CON phases.

Total - Approximate Cost*: \$300,000 (PE, CON)

Approximate Contribution: \$300,000 (HSIP)

*Costs are approximate and subject to change.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the property holdings of the City Council members and has found no property holdings within 1,000 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)(7) or (8), 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 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 prospective projects support the Strong and Secure Neighborhoods goal. These projects promote safer travel for all modes of transportation through Chula Vista's roadways.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct impact to the General Fund.

If any of the grants are awarded, staff will return to City Council with a recommendation to accept and appropriate the funds.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

Upon construction completion, the projects will require routine maintenance.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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