



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



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## **TITLE**

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LOCAL ROADWAY SAFETY PLAN AND SYSTEMIC SAFETY ANALYSIS REPORT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,000; AMENDING THE FY 2019/20 CIP PROGRAM BUDGET BY ESTABLISHING NEW CIP PROJECT, "LOCAL ROAD SAFETY PLAN PREPARATION (TRF0420)"; AMENDING THE FY 2019/20 CIP PROGRAM BUDGETS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Council adopt the resolution.

## **SUMMARY**

The Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) defines a local agency's approach to roadway safety, much like how the State's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) defines a statewide approach while addressing the four E's of traffic safety: Engineering, Enforcement, Education, and Evaluation. To facilitate local agencies adopting their own LRSPs, the California Department of Transportation is providing grant funding toward preparing an initial LRSP. The City of Chula Vista was selected as one of the local agencies to receive grant funding.

## **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 falls under a Statutory Exemption pursuant to Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies) of the State CEQA Guidelines. Thus, no further environmental review is necessary, at this time. However, projects resulting from the Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP), may require environmental review and a CEQA determination completed prior to commencing said project(s). Notwithstanding the foregoing, it has also been determined that the activity qualifies for an Exemption pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines.

## **BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Not applicable.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) is an infrastructure planning document that defines the City's approach to safety on its roadways. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) are urging cities to adopt their own LRSPs to promote safety on local roadways.

LRSPs will formally define how roadway safety is evaluated and guide the City in developing infrastructure improvements. LRSPs will also enhance the City's applications for future local or federal grant funds such as the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). Caltrans has already indicated that scoring for the HSIP Cycle 10 (August 2020) grant applications will consider whether a local agency has an adopted LRSP. Additionally, an adopted LRSP will be a prerequisite for applying to HSIP Cycle 11 in August 2022. Adopting an LRSP will formalize the City's approach to how it evaluates roadway safety, defines policies for how appropriate safety countermeasures are determined, and establishes strategies for stakeholder involvement and public education.

### LRSP Contents

Generally, an LRSP follows the format of the State's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP); however, it is applied more specifically to the needs of the City's roadways. It is intended to systematically identify and analyze safety issues and recommend safety improvements by addressing the four E's of traffic safety: Engineering, Enforcement, Education, and Evaluation by involving key stakeholders throughout the process.

- **Engineering:** The LRSP will perform a systemic safety evaluation of the accident history and compile typical safety issues that arise on City roadways resulting from the safety evaluation. It will then further define policies and procedures for determining the appropriate safety improvement for such situations to inform immediate minor safety improvements and proposals for future capital improvement projects where larger investments are required.
- **Enforcement:** While the Department of Engineering & Capital Projects will lead preparation of the LRSP, the Police Department (CVPD) Traffic Division will be a key stakeholder involved in the LRSP preparation process. The LRSP will establish strategies and processes for coordination between Engineering and CVPD, as well as identify potential administrative or legislative changes that can facilitate traffic safety enforcement.
- **Education:** Another key stakeholder in LRSP preparation is the public. The LRSP preparation process will involve information and/or workshop sessions to obtain input from the public as well as identify partners and opportunities for ongoing public outreach about traffic safety.
- **Evaluation:** The LRSP will define processes for evaluating safety improvement performance in addition to procedures for the periodic maintenance and update of the LRSP document so that it remains current and relevant.

### LRSP Grant

To facilitate adoption of LRSPs, the Caltrans Local Road Safety Plan and Systemic Safety Analysis Report Program made grant funds available for local agencies to prepare their initial LRSP. The City applied for the grant and was selected for funding the preparation of its LRSP. This item proposes to create a new Capital Improvement project and allocate the grant funds and a local match from the City's existing Neighborhood Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Program (TRF0327) to complete the LRSP. Please refer to "Current-Year Fiscal Impact" for funding details.

### DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the real property holdings of the City Council members do not create a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under 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.

### CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

Adoption of this resolution will result in the following appropriations:

Caltrans LRSP Grant Funds	\$54,000
Required 10% Local Match <i>(Transfer Gas Tax from TRF0327 - Neighborhood Traffic &amp; Pedestrian Safety Program)</i>	\$6,000
New CIP No. TRF0420 Local Road Safety Plan Preparation	\$60,000

### ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

Grant funds will be expended in fiscal years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021. Ongoing expenses related to periodic future updates of the LRSP document would be budgeted as part of the annual capital improvement project budget process. Grant opportunities afforded by the adoption of an LRSP are anticipated to offset such expenses.

### ATTACHMENTS

1. LRSP Grant Application
2. Selected LRSP Project List

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