

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: NANCY ADAMS, TRANSPORTATION PLANNER
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS
SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) ARTICLE III
GRANT APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution, (1) request that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) allocate \$165,000 from Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article III funds; (2) authorize the Director of Transportation and Public Works to file the application and other required documents to construct Montecito Boulevard Bike Enhancements, Citywide Green Bike Lane Transition Enhancements and Citywide Pedestrian Enhancements, and (3) authorize the Chief Financial Officer to increase appropriations upon approval of the grant by MTC as follows – Montecito Boulevard Bike Enhancements by \$40,000 of TDA Article III funds, Citywide Green Bike Lane Transition Enhancements by \$78,000 of TDA Article III funds and Citywide Pedestrian Enhancements by \$47,000 of TDA Article III funds.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed three TDA Article III bike and pedestrian projects support City Council Goal #3 – Provide Leadership in Environmental Initiatives and Strategic Objective #6 Improve our transportation system to reduce vehicle miles and promote multi-modal transportation. These projects establish other links in the bicycle and pedestrian network to serve the Community's residents who choose to bike and walk as a form of transportation. In addition, the Montecito Boulevard Bike Enhancements and Citywide Green Bike Lane Transition Enhancements projects also support one of the Bicycle Friendly Community's recommendations to further improve our community for bicyclists.

BACKGROUND

Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds are generated from a statewide quarter cent sales tax. Article III of the TDA sets aside approximately 2% of those monies for bicycle and

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pedestrian planning and projects. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) administers TDA Article III, which is distributed based on population.

The City annually receives TDA Article III funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects. The City's available fund balance for FY 2016/17 is \$165,000.

Staff has reviewed the priority pedestrian and bicycle projects in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Board (BPAB). The BPAB by motion selected the following projects for the FY 2016/17 TDA III Program.

- a) Montecito Boulevard Bike Enhancements - \$40,000
- b) Citywide Green Bike Lane Transition Enhancements - \$78,000
- c) Citywide Pedestrian Enhancements - \$47,000

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

Not applicable

ANALYSIS

Montecito Boulevard Bike Enhancements. Traffic Engineering is currently working on a preliminary design for the Montecito Boulevard bike enhancements that include Class II and sharrow bike pavement markings. This project will connect to the existing Class II bike lanes on Fountaingrove Parkway/Brush Creek Road and continue east to Middle Rincon Road. (Route 34/Priority #2). The estimated cost for this project is \$40,000.

Citywide Green Bike Lane Transition Enhancements. Project includes restriping and treating pavement with a color additive, typically at intersections where there is a strong potential for conflicting movements between cyclists and motorists. The initial streets evaluated were Guerneville Road, Mendocino Avenue/Santa Rosa Avenue, Sebastopol Road, Sonoma Avenue, Stony Point Road/Marlow Road, Hoen Avenue and Summerfield Road. The cost estimate is \$78,000. (Route 36/Priority #3, Route 7/Priority #10 Route 46/Priority #6 and Route 2/Priority #8).

Citywide Pedestrian Enhancements. This project will construct pedestrian enhancements at uncontrolled crosswalk locations on arterial and collector streets Citywide such as ADA ramps, rectangular rapid flashing beacon, Shark Teeth, continental crosswalk, and related pedestrian signs. In 2014, the City received a federal grant from Caltrans in the amount of \$898,000. We are requesting an additional \$47,000 to cover these environmental requirements - soil borings and soil investigation which were not anticipated in the original scope of the project. The additional requirements have delayed the project by a year. The TDA funds will cover the consultant work and required soil investigations and borings. (Not on priority list).

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In order for the City to receive the funds, MTC requires a local resolution authorizing the request for allocation of FY 2016/17 TDA Article III funds for eligible projects.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this action does not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund. The projects are funded with grant monies.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378. Notice of Exemptions for the projects are included as Attachment 1.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On January 21, 2016, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board (BPAB) passed a motion to fully fund the Montecito Boulevard Bike Enhancements, the Green Bike Lane Transition Enhancements and partially fund Citywide Pedestrian Enhancements. A copy of the Board meeting minutes is included as Attachment 2.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Project Notice of Exemptions
- Attachment 2 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board January 21, 2016 meeting minutes
- Attachment 3 - Montecito Boulevard Bike Enhancements Aerial
- Attachment 4 - Citywide Green Bike Lane Transition Enhancements Photo
- Attachment 5 - Citywide Pedestrian Enhancements Photo
- Resolution/Exhibit A ((MTC Findings) - Exhibit B (Project Application Forms)

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