

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: NANCY ADAMS  
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS  
SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR CLEAN AIR PROPOSED  
PROJECT

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution: 1) authorize the Director of Transportation and Public Works (TPW) to submit a grant application for the Class II bike lane gap closures project to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) for Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) funds; and if awarded, 2) authorize the Director of TPW to approve and execute a funding agreement, 3) authorize the use of non-general funds to match the state funds being requested; 4) authorize the Chief Financial Officer to increase appropriations of TFCA funds in the amount of the grant awarded; and 5) provide assurances that the City will complete the project.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed project to install Class II bike lanes in Santa Rosa supports the City Council Goal #3 – Provide Leadership in Environmental Initiatives - Strategic Objective #6 Improve our transportation system to reduce vehicle miles and promote multi modal transportation. The project will provide the City with necessary closures to various gaps in Class II bike lane routes and supports the healthy and economic vitality of our community by adding options to better serve the Community's residents who choose to bike as a form of transportation.

BACKGROUND

In 1991, the California State Legislature authorized the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) to impose a \$4 surcharge on motor vehicles to fund projects that reduce on-road motor vehicle emissions. The Air District allocates these funds to its Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Program, which provides funding to qualifying alternative fuel vehicle and trip reduction projects, including bicycle facility projects to foster alternative transportation modes.

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The Bicycle Facilities Grant Program is a competitive solicitation for projects that will construct new qualifying bikeways to encourage travel mode shift towards non-motorized modes.

TPW is preparing an application for the TFCA grant funds which is due June 30, 2017.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On October 11, 2016, the City Council, by motion, authorized the Director of Transportation and Public Works to submit a grant application for the bike and pedestrian gap closures citywide to the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) for consideration in the One Bay Area Grant 2 (OBAG2). This project was not included in the final list of projects that was recommended for the OBAG2 funding.

ANALYSIS

**Proposed Project – Class II Bike Lane Gap Closures**

Based on the eligibility/screening and evaluation criteria, staff is suggesting that the following projects be submitted to the Air District for consideration of TFCA funding:

- This project will install Class II bike lanes on Santa Rosa Avenue between Sonoma Avenue and Maple Avenue and install a parking bay, ADA curb ramps on the frontage of Julliard Park (Attachment 1)
- This project will install Class II bike lanes closing gaps in the Class II bike network for the following:
  - Hopper Avenue – Coffey Lane to Airway Drive (Attachment 2A)
  - Kawana Springs Road – Brookwood Avenue to Sonoma Academy (Attachment 2B)
  - Piner Road – Marlow Road to Coffey Lane (Attachment 2C)
  - West Third Street – Brittain Lane to Stony Point Road. (Attachments 2D)

These roadway segments are designated in the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP).

The cost estimate is \$1,100,000. The proposed funding is \$990,000 (TFCA state funds) and \$110,000 (proposed Capital Facilities Fee (CFF) or Transportation Development Act Article 3 (TDA 3) funds).

One of the performance measures for elevating the City's Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) Bronze Designation to a Silver Designation is enhancing well-connected active transportation (bicycle, pedestrian and transit) street network associated with greater directness of travel and more route choices. Closing Class II bike lane gaps will help the City to achieve this performance metric.

### FISCAL IMPACT

A ten percent local match is required (\$110,000). The proposed sources of funds for the local match is anticipated to be CFF or TDA 3 funds. No General Fund dollars will be requested for the local match.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a Class 4 exemption for Minor Alterations to Land, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15304 in that the project involves the creation of bicycle lanes on existing rights-of-way.

### BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On September 15, 2016, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board supported the project that staff is presenting to the City Council for their consideration.

### NOTIFICATION

Not Applicable

### ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Santa Rosa Avenue Corridor Class II Bike Lanes Location Map
- Attachment 2 (A-D) – Citywide Class II Bike Lanes Network Gap Closures Location Maps
- Resolution

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