

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: SHAWN SOSA, ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST  
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS – TRANSIT DIVISION  
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FILING AND EXECUTION OF AN  
APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE QUICK-  
STRIKE PROGRAM AND COMMITTING ANY NECESSARY  
MATCHING FUNDS

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 or designee to file and execute a grant application and related documents under the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Safe and Seamless Mobility Quick-Strike Grant Program requesting \$868,230 in federal funds for the pavement rehabilitation at the Downtown Transit Mall, and appropriate any necessary matching funds; and 2) provide assurances that the City will appropriate the funding and complete the project.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Safe and Seamless Mobility Quick-Strike program is a regional, competitive grant program to fund projects that can be implemented quickly to benefit communities. The program emphasizes bicycle/pedestrian safety and mobility, transit and transit access improvements, connected mobility, advancing equitable mobility, or other near-term strategies to advance transit recovery and connected mobility. The Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) selected the list of projects to be submitted to Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for evaluation for STP/CMAQ funds programming on March 8, 2021, which included the City of Santa Rosa project to rehabilitate the roadbed at the Downtown Transit Mall. A resolution of local support and committing matching funds is necessary to obtain funding if awarded under the grant program.

BACKGROUND

On January 22, 2021, SCTA, sent out a call for Letters of Interest from agencies that had projects that can be quickly implemented to benefit local communities, with an

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emphasis on bicycle/pedestrian safety and mobility, transit and transit access improvements, connected mobility or advancing equitable mobility. On January 27, 2021, MTC approved a resolution that included the framework for the Safe and Seamless Mobility Quick-Strike program. Santa Rosa CityBus submitted a letter of interest package to SCTA by their due date of February 19, 2021 for the Downtown Transit Mall Roadbed Rehabilitation Project.

On February 25, 2021 the SCTA Technical Advisory Committee discussed the seven submitted interest packages to determine ways to prioritize the list. After review and input, SCTA staff composed a list of six projects that went before the SCTA/RCPA Board of Directors on March 8, 2021 for approval to submit to the MTC to evaluate under the Quick-Strike Program. Santa Rosa's project was one of the selected projects to be included in this list that was sent to MTC for review.

MTC will evaluate the Bay Area County Transportation Agencies (CTA) project nominations in April and notify CTA's and project sponsors of MTC's funding recommendations by May 3, 2021. Any final application materials will be due to MTC by May 21, 2021. Since approved project sponsors have only two weeks to submit the final required materials to MTC to meet this aggressive timeline, project sponsors are encouraged to submit their project forms, including Council approval of the resolutions required, in advance of being notified of MTC staff's funding recommendation.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

Not applicable

ANALYSIS

In 2017 the roadbed at the Santa Rosa Transit Mall, a regional hub served by Santa Rosa CityBus, Sonoma County Transit, Golden Gate Transit, Mendocino Transit Authority, and Greyhound, began to show signs of failure, having reached the end of its useful life after 30 years with over 3,300 bus trips traversing the facility each week. Subsequently this failure has accelerated, with regular patching required to maintain safe operations and to address compromised pedestrian facilities.

Santa Rosa CityBus submitted a letter of interest for the Quick-Strike Program seeking approximately \$868,000 to fully rehabilitate the Transit Mall roadbed and restore it to a condition to support safe and efficient transit operations and pedestrian circulation for decades into the future. A minimum local match of \$121,770 is proposed to be provided by the Transit Division's Transportation Development Act funds.

This project supports Council Goal 5 to invest in and sustain infrastructure and transportation, Goal 6 to provide for community safety, valued City services. Additionally, it meets the goals of the Quick Strike program and Connected Mobility

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Values and Goals by ensuring the safe and effective operation of a transfer hub serving connections between five local, intercity, and regional transit operators and providing equitable access for our many low-income transit patrons. It will ensure that the Santa Rosa Transit Mall remains a safe, high-quality transit facility providing a dignified traveler experience and supporting transit as a viable choice for travel throughout the region. Quick Strike funds would significantly accelerate these outcomes, as the revenue reduction resulting from the pandemic has placed enormous strain on the Transit Division's operating and capital budgets and ability to deliver this project within existing revenues.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this action does not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund. The source of the proposed local match of a minimum of 11.47% of the federal award, would be from the Transit Division's annual allocation of TDA funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not currently a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378. If application is awarded, environmental review will commence immediately to verify the expectation that the project will be exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1 since the project will consist of a repair or minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing use.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On March 8, 2021, the SCTA/RCPA Board of Directors supported the list of six projects, which includes this project that staff is presenting to the City Council for their consideration.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution

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