

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: ROBERT SPRINKLE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR TRAFFIC  
ENGINEERING - TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS  
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR SUBMITTAL OF ONE  
BAY AREA GRANT 3 (OBAG 3) APPLICATIONS FOR THE  
HIGHWAY 101 HEARN AVENUE MULTIUSE PATHWAY AND  
PAVEMENT REHABILITATION AND THE DOWNTOWN  
CONNECTIVITY TO SUPPORT HOUSING DENSITY  
INTENSIFICATION

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTIONS

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by three separate resolutions, take the following actions necessary to apply for federal Surface Transportation Commission (MTC) One Bay Area Grant Program 3 (OBAG 3) funding, including: 1) authorization to file an application for \$1,321,000 in OBAG 3 Funding which also provides of assurances that the City will complete the Highway 101 Hearn Avenue Multi-Use Pathway and Pavement Rehabilitation project; 2) authorization to file an application for \$2,588,000 in OBAG 3 Funding which also provides assurances that the City will complete the Downtown Connectivity to Support Housing Density Intensification project; and 3) a commitment by the City to comply with state housing laws. The Transportation and Public Works Department also recommends that the Council authorize the use of non-general funds (local utility impact fees, Capital Facilities Fees, Measure M funds, gas tax, and Transportation Development Act Article III funds) to match the federal funds being requested.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Santa Rosa responded to Sonoma County Transportation Authority's (SCTA) call for projects in September 2021 by submitting five projects for consideration. Two of those projects, the Regional – Resiliency and Economic Development - Highway 101 Corridor Interchange (Multi-Use Pathway and Pavement Rehabilitation) and the Downtown Connectivity to Support Housing Density Intensification scored competitively for OBAG 3 funding.

## BACKGROUND

The City of Santa Rosa submitted five projects for consideration in the 2021 call for projects:

- 1) Downtown Connectivity to Support Housing Density Intensification: This project proposed adding the southbound right turn lane at B Street and Santa Rosa Avenue as identified in the Downtown Station Area Plan Update, improve intersection operations at Sebastopol Road and Dutton Avenue by installing dual eastbound left turns and by repaving six street segments including College Avenue from RxR to Cleveland and E Street to Fourth Street, Brookwood Avenue from College Avenue to Sonoma Avenue, E Street from Sonoma Avenue to Tupper Avenue, Fourth Street from E Street to Brookwood Avenue, and Davis Street from Sixth Street to Fourth Street.
- 2) Climate Adaptation, Technology and Innovative Solutions (Transportation Initiatives): This project would implement annual programming through the five-year planning window to develop and manage key education and safety programs identified in the Climate Action Plan and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update 2018 including funding for bike share/scooter share/bike parking/Vison Zero (VZ)/Safe Routes to School (SR2S) and the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS).
- 3) Highway 101 Hearn Avenue Multi-use Pathway and Pavement Rehabilitation: This project would install a class 1 pathway on the south side of Hearn Avenue that would connect to the SMART multi use pathway and the Hearn Interchange for a separate bikeway. The project would also repave the segment of Hearn Avenue between Whitewood Drive and Corby Avenue.
- 4) Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections/Climate Change: This project would aid in funding for the Highway 101 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing, and the Oakmont path across Oakmont Village Association to connect Stonebridge Road to Channel Drive. It would implement high priority pedestrian improvements identified in the Roseland Annexation area based on City/County Agreement and would include walkways on Pierson Street from Third Street to Santa Rosa Creek bridge, Rose Avenue from Janero Drive to Burbank Avenue and Sebastopol Road from Justin Drive to Lombardi Court.
- 5) Southeast Santa Rosa Multi Modal Resiliency Corridor Enhancements: This circulation project would modify Fourth Street at Farmers Lane to increase the capacity to improve overall operations and during evacuations.

Project 1 and Project 3 are the proposals that scored competitively. Projects funded with STP require a non-federal local match. The current local match requirement for STP projects is 11.47% of the total project cost, with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) providing up to 88.53% of the total project cost.

### PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On December 15, 2015, the City Council, by Resolution No. 28727, adopted the Complete Streets Policy which is a requirement of the OBAG 3 program.

The City Council, by Resolutions supported applications designating the Downtown Station Area Specific Plan (Resolution No.26875 dated June 19, 2007), Santa Rosa Avenue/Mendocino Avenue corridor (Resolution No. 27226 dated November 4, 2008), Sebastopol Road Corridor (Resolution No. 27226 dated November 4, 2008), North Santa Rosa Station Area Specific Plan boundary (Resolution No. 28014 dated November 15, 2011) and Roseland Area (Resolution No. 28019 dated December 6, 2011) as Priority Development Areas (PDAs).

On September 14, 2021, the City Council approved Resolution No. RES-2021-158 designating the list of five priority projects to be considered in the 2021 SCTA funding program call for projects (Fiscal Year 23 through Fiscal Year 27).

### ANALYSIS

After consideration and scoring through SCTA, two City projects of the five proposed were recommended to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for OBAG 3 funding.

On January 25, 2023, the (1) Highway 101 Hearn Avenue Multi-Use Pathway and Pavement Rehabilitation project for \$1.321M and (2) Downtown Connectivity for Housing Density Intensification project for \$2.588M were both approved by MTC.

Approval of these resolutions allow the allocation of \$1.321M into JL 17671, and \$2.588M into JL 17672, allowing the projects to be programmed into MTC's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

A resolution of support is required for each project, as well as a resolution self-verifying that the City meets the specific Housing requirement to qualify for the OBAG 3 funding.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this action does not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund. The proposed local match for \$1.321M and for \$2.588M will be \$151,519 and \$296,844, respectively and will be non-general fund accounts (Utility Impact Fee, gas taxes, and Capital Facilities Fee).

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action, which approves the acceptance of the funding for these projects, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) and 15378 in that there is no possibility that the implementation of

this action may have significant effects on the environment, and no further environmental review is required. However, further projects that utilize funding will be reviewed consistent with the CEQA.

NOTIFICATION

Not Applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – OBAG 3 County & Local Program: Recommended Projects
- Attachment 2 – Housing Element Status
- Resolution 1 – Downtown Connectivity allocation
- Resolution 2 – Hearn Avenue MUP allocation
- Resolution 3 – Housing compliance certification

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