

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 3  
GRANT APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by Resolution: 1) request that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission allocate \$612,091 from Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Transportation Development Act Article 3 funds; 2) authorize the Director of Transportation and Public Works to file the application and other required documents to install bicycle and pedestrian enhancements on Santa Rosa Avenue between Sonoma Avenue and Maple Avenue; and, 3) authorize the Chief Financial Officer to increase appropriations in JL Key 17474 by \$612,091 of Transportation Development Act Article 3 funds for the project.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed project to install bicycle and pedestrian enhancements as recommended by the Santa Rosa Avenue Corridor Plan, using Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 supports the City Council Goal – Promote Environmental Sustainability.

Enhancing our transportation system to reduce vehicle miles and promote multi modal transportation supports two City Council priorities; one to implement Climate Action Plan and the other to invest in downtown housing and livability. This project establishes 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 project supports one of the Bicycle Friendly Community's recommendations to further improve our community for bicyclists.

BACKGROUND

TDA funds are generated from a statewide 1/4 cent sales tax. Article 3 of TDA sets aside approximately 2% of those monies for bicycle and pedestrian planning and

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projects. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) administers TDA Article 3, which is distributed based on population.

The City annually receives TDA Article 3 funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects.

The City's available fund balance for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/2020 is \$612,091.

The Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) issued a call for projects on February 7, 2019. TDA 3 project applications are due to the SCTA on April 15, 2019.

The Downtown Station Area Specific Plan requires regulatory documents to be developed for specific locations within the Plan Area which includes the Santa Rosa Avenue Corridor Plan. These documents provide guidance for new development and capital improvement projects. The goal of the Santa Rosa Avenue corridor plan is to create a comprehensive and long-term vision for this corridor to enhance access and comfort for pedestrians and cyclists; propose aesthetic improvements; and strengthen linkages between the Santa Rosa Avenue Corridor and the adjoining neighborhoods, downtown and the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) station. The Corridor Plan recommended the following project components: roadway and bike lane striping, crosswalk striping, street trees, traffic signal at Mill Street/Sebastopol Avenue intersection, pedestrian lighting, medians and landscaping, widened sidewalks, new sidewalks and bulbouts.

#### PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On October 9, 2007, the City Council approved Resolution 26950 adopting the Downtown Station Area Specific Plan which required preparing a regulatory document for the Santa Rosa Avenue corridor as part of the implementation program for the Specific Plan.

On January 11, 2011, the City Council approved Resolution 27806 adopting the Santa Rosa Avenue Corridor Plan between Sonoma Avenue and Highway 12.

On January 11, 2011, the City Council approved Resolution 27805 approving and adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Santa Rosa Avenue Corridor Plan between Sonoma Avenue and Highway 12.

On November 15, 2016, the City Council by motion awarded construction Contract No. CO1627 for Downtown Santa Rosa Streetscape that included the installation of a traffic signal on Santa Rosa Avenue at Mill Street south of Julliard Park.

On December 5, 2017, the City Council by motion awarded construction Contract No. CO1869 for Crosswalk Enhancements throughout Santa Rosa that included the installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at Santa Rosa Avenue and Charles Street.

## ANALYSIS

With support from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board, staff is considering the following project for the upcoming FY 2019/2020 TDA 3 funding:

Santa Rosa Avenue - Sonoma Avenue to Maple Avenue Class II bike lanes and pedestrian enhancements as recommended by the Santa Rosa Avenue Corridor Plan. This project would close the gap in the Class II bike lanes on Santa Rosa Avenue connecting to existing Class II bike lanes on Sonoma Avenue and existing Class II bike lanes on Santa Rosa Avenue at Maple Avenue. The project would restripe the segment and upgrade pedestrian ramps to current ADA standards. In addition, this segment may include installing a parking bay on the west side on the frontage of Julliard Park. The cost estimate for this project is \$900,000. See Attachment 1.

The Santa Rosa Avenue/Mendocino Avenue corridor is identified as Route #7 and bicycle priority #10 in the 2010 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

MTC requires a local resolution authorizing the request for allocation of FY 2019/2020 TDA Article 3 funds for eligible projects.

## FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this action does not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund. Capital Facilities Fees or Measure M funds are potential sources to fill the funding shortfall to construct the project.

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the project qualifies for Class I Exemption under section 15301 of the CEQA guidelines, existing facilities. The project consists of minor alterations within existing public right of way involving negligible or no expansion of existing use.

## BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On January 17, 2019, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board (BPAB) passed a motion to allocate \$612,091 of FY 2019/2020 TDA 3 funds to install bicycle and pedestrian enhancements on Santa Rosa Avenue between Sonoma Avenue and Maple Avenue, and to encourage staff to look further at a road diet pending upcoming traffic counts, to preserve the park without adding a parking bay, to increase potential comfort level to move towards Vision Zero, and to encourage public transportation.

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NOTIFICATION

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Santa Rosa Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Enhancements - Project Location Aerial
- Resolution/Exhibit A (MTC Findings) - Exhibit B (Project Application Form)

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