

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: ROBERT SPRINKLE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR - TRAFFIC  
SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF A DESIGN FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH  
SMART FOR THE DESIGN OF WEST THIRD STREET SIGNAL  
AT SMART MULTIUSE PATH CROSSING – CEQA EXEMPT

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution, approve and delegate authority to the City Manager to negotiate and execute a Design Funding Agreement in the amount of \$153,854.80 between the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART) and the City of Santa Rosa authorizing the design of the West Third Street signal at the SMART Multiuse Path Crossing.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed action will approve an agreement that allows SMART to use a current consultant agreement with BKF Engineers to incorporate the signal design at West Third Street with their Multiuse pathway design, currently in development. This will better coordinate the projects and provide design efficiencies.

BACKGROUND

SMART has awarded a design contract to BKF Engineers to construct pathway improvements within their right of way from Santa Rosa Creek to West Third Street.

The City of Santa Rosa received a grant to construct the signal at West Third Street and the SMART Multiuse Path and has secured funding for the design. Due to current project backlog in Capital Projects and the necessity to intimately coordinate the two design efforts which are required for both the signal and the path, it was determined that it would be most efficient to combine the design of the path and signal under one design project.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

Not applicable.

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ANALYSIS

Working with SMART to design an all-inclusive system that integrates the pathway, pedestrian crossing and other pedestrian appurtenances to provide appropriate access both across the rail and across West Third Street makes economic sense and will help meet the deadlines for construction of the project under the grant requirements.

The project will incorporate a traffic signal with a pedestrian crossing, a rail exit gate for the westbound direction as well as a pre-signal ahead of the rail crossing in the westbound direction to prohibit vehicles stopping on the track. The design will include modified striping and signing on West Third Street. Additionally, the exit gate installation will enhance safety and bolster the Quiet Zone scoring for this intersection and the entire Santa Rosa segment.

The Design Funding Agreement incorporates a not-to-exceed amount of \$153,854.80, which includes a standard 10% contingency for the project.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this action does not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund. Funds for the design are programmed through Capital Facilities Fees in JL 17647.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b) and 15387 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, the proposed signal and multiuse pathway project must be reviewed in compliance with the environmental review.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This project was supported by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board as part of the annual work plan.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution/Exhibit A – Design Funding Agreement

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