

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: ROBERT SPRINKLE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR TRAFFIC
ENGINEERING
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS
SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) ARTICLE 3
GRANT APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that Council, by resolution: 1) request that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) allocate \$185,000 from Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/2024 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 and appropriate funds into the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons Install fund; and 2) authorize the Director of Transportation and Public Works to file the application and other required documents to install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at a minimum of seven locations supported by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Enhancing our crosswalks to increase awareness that pedestrians are in the roadway is an important element in moving towards our Vision Zero goal. The addition of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) has proven to increase compliance of vehicles yielding to pedestrians. This project proposes to install seven RRFBs throughout the City. If savings during installations are realized, additional locations will be added.

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 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 estimated balance for FY 2023/2024 is \$185,000.

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The Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) issued a call for projects in February 2023. TDA 3 project applications were due to the SCTA on March 13, 2023.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

ANALYSIS

With support from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board, staff is proposing the installation of RRFBs at the following locations for the upcoming FY 2023/2024 TDA 3 funding:

- District 1: Dutton Avenue/Funston Drive
- District 2: Hoen Avenue/Sierra Creek
- District 3: Summerfield Road/Parktrail Drive
- District 4: Mendocino Avenue/ Howard Street
- District 5: North Dutton Avenue/West Eighth Street
- District 6: Cleveland Avenue/State Farm Drive
- District 7: Sebastopol Road/Laurel Grove

The following criteria were used to determine which locations would be considered for installation: daily vehicle volume, pedestrian use, whether located on a High Injury Network or in a school zone, as well as the number of lanes the pedestrian would cross.

MTC requires a local resolution authorizing the request for allocation of FY 2023/2024 TDA Article 3 funds for eligible projects. This is due to the SCTA by April 24, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this action does not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Allocating funding for this project 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. Additionally, pedestrian enhancement projects of this scale would be categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1(c) because the projects consist of the minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of the existing use.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On January 19, 2023, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board (BPAB) passed a motion to allocate \$176,795 of FY 2023/2024 TDA 3 funds to implement RRFB pedestrian enhancements. New estimates were subsequently released which changed the current allocation request to \$185,000.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution/Exhibit A (MTC Findings)/Exhibit B (Project Application Form)

PRESENTER

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