

Agenda Item #12.1
For Council Meeting of: April 4, 2017

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 2017/2018

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution, 1) request that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) allocate \$192,392 from Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 funds; 2) authorize the Director of Transportation and Public Works to file the application and other required documents to update the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP); and, 3) upon award of the grant, authorize the Chief Financial Officer to increase appropriations of TDA Article 3 funds in the amount of the grant awarded for the update of the Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed project to update the City's BPMP using TDA Article 3 supports the City Council Goal #3 – Provide Leadership in Environmental Initiatives - Strategic Objective #6 Improve our transportation system to reduce vehicle miles and promote multi modal transportation. The project will update the BPMP that was approved in June 2010 providing the City a more current version of a bicycle and pedestrian plan and network to better serve the Community's residents who choose to bike and walk as a form of transportation. In addition, maintaining a current Bicycle and pedestrian Plan supports the City's designation as a Bicycle Friendly Community.

BACKGROUND

Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds are generated from a statewide ¼ 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 City's available fund balance for FY 2017/2018 is \$192,392.

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The Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) issued a call for projects on January 11, 2017. TDA 3 project applications were due to the SCTA on March 17, 2017.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

Not applicable

ANALYSIS

The City has a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) that was adopted in June 2010.

The City can use TDA 3 funds to prepare or update a jurisdiction's bicycle and pedestrian plan.

The rule governing the use of TDA 3 funding for preparing bicycle and pedestrian plans is: per Public Utilities Code Sections 99230-99251 - (i) In addition to the purposes authorized in this section, a portion of the amount available to a city or county pursuant to Section 99233.3 may be allocated to develop a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian facilities plan, with an emphasis on bicycle projects intended to accommodate bicycle commuters rather than recreational bicycle users. An allocation under this subdivision may not be made more than once every five years.

MTC requires a local resolution authorizing the request for allocation of FY 2017/18 TDA Article 3 funds for eligible projects.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this action does not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund. The project is expected to cost approximately \$200,000 and will be funded with the grant funds with the balance coming from Capital Facilities Fees (CFF).

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On January 19, 2017, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board (BPAB) passed a motion to allocate \$192,392 of FY 2017/18 TDA 3 funds to update the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP).

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On March 16, 2017, the BPAB discussed with staff a preliminary scope of work and schedule to complete the BPMP Update.

On March 22, 2017, staff kicked off the BPMP Update conversation (process and schedule) with the Community Advisory Board (CAB).

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

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

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