

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD
STAFF REPORT
January 16, 2020

SUBJECT

Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article III Revenues and Projects Proposed for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020/2021

ISSUE

Staff may request TDA Article III funds for the construction phase of Santa Rosa Avenue Class II bike lanes and pedestrian enhancements between Sonoma Avenue and Maple Avenue.

STAFF PRESENTER

Nancy Adams

RECOMMENDATION

The Board, by motion, may support the staff's recommendation to allocate \$450,000 of FY 2020/2021 TDA funds to construct Class II bike lanes on Santa Rosa Avenue and pedestrian enhancements between Sonoma Avenue and Maple Avenue.

BACKGROUND

Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds are generated from a statewide ¼ cent sales tax. Article III of TDA sets aside of approximately 2% of those monies for bicycle and pedestrian planning and projects. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) administers TDA III, which is distributed based on population.

The City annually receives TDA funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects. The preliminary fund estimate for FY 2020/2021 is \$542,000. The MTC is expected to release the final estimate in mid-January. Staff is planning on presenting the TDA III resolution to the City Council for their approval in March 2020.

In January 2019, the Board, by motion, supported staff's recommendation to allocate \$612,000 of FY 2019/2020 TDA III funds for the Santa Rosa Avenue Class II bike lanes and pedestrian enhancements between Sonoma Avenue and Maple Avenue which was approved by the City Council in March 2019.

Since the design and scope of this project is contingent upon the traffic analysis for the Downtown Station Area Specific Plan update, which is expected to be completed early Spring 2020, it was the consensus of MTC, SCTA and City staff to reduce the allocation request for FY 2019/2020 to \$250,000 for the design phase. We agreed that the City could then request FY 2020/2021 TDA funds for the construction phase.

ANALYSIS

FY 2020/2021 TDA III PROJECT

Staff is considering the following project for the upcoming FY 2020/2021 Transportation Development Act (TDA) III funding:

1. Santa Rosa Avenue – Sonoma Avenue to Maple Avenue Class II bike lanes. This project would close the gap in the Class II bike lanes 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. The construction cost estimate for this project is \$450,000. (First Phase Project). See Attachment 1.

Staff has reviewed the priority pedestrian and bicycle projects in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan to determine what could be incorporated into the current work load. It is estimated that the FY 19/20 TDA funding would cover the environmental and design phases of the project. It is anticipated that the FY 20/21 TDA allocation would be requested to fund the construction phase. The Santa Rosa Avenue bike lanes project is included in the First Phase projects identified in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update 2018.

Staff believes this project is a good candidate for the state TDA III funding. The project may require right of way and further environmental review. Since these project components could jeopardize meeting federal project delivery milestones, it is not recommended to seek federal funding for the project.

FUTURE TDA III PROJECTS

Looking beyond FY 2020/2021, staff is suggesting that the Board consider a couple of options:

- Steele Lane – Oakview Court to Steele Lane Community Center (along the frontage of Steele Lane Elementary School) Class II bike lanes. This project will close a gap in the Class II bike lanes on the north side of Steele Lane. It will involve moving the curb back and relocating the signal poles. The cost estimate for this project is \$850,000. See Attachment 2.
- Potential project from the First Phase project list established in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update 2018. See Attachment 3.

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Attachment 1: Santa Rosa Avenue Class II Bike Lanes
Attachment 2: Steele Lane Class II Bike Lanes
Attachment 3: Draft List of First Phase Projects