



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: MAY 1, 2018

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WARDS: 1, 2, AND 3

SUBJECT: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CYCLE II GRANT FOR PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLIST EXPANSION AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,042,000

ISSUE:

Accept the Active Transportation Program Cycle II grant award, contingent upon receipt of funds, in the amount of \$1,042,000 awarded to the Public Works Department for the acquisition of equipment and implementation of seven project components aimed at collectively increasing walking and cycling, enhancing safety, expanding and connecting bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and educating and encouraging the adoption of an active lifestyle.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Accept the Active Transportation Program Cycle II grant award, contingent upon receipt of funds, in the amount of \$1,042,000 awarded to the Public Works Department for the implementation of the pedestrian and bicyclist expansion and safety improvement project; and
2. Authorize an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of \$1,042,000 in account 9893500-335450 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to the Active Transportation Program Cycle II project account 9893500-440236 as assigned by the Finance Department.

BACKGROUND:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) manages the Active Transportation Program (ATP) to encourage increased biking and walking. The Public Works Department collaborated with local neighborhoods, businesses, the Bicycle Advisory Committee, Riverside Unified School District (RUSD), the University of California Riverside (UCR), and the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) to identify biking and walking components in select areas including the Downtown Area, Fairmount Park, Central Avenue near Sierra Middle School, as well as streets adjacent or in close proximity to North High School and UCR to heighten pedestrian and bicyclist safety and promote walking and cycling in these areas. The Public Works Department requested \$1,042,000 in ATP Cycle II grant funds and a local match of at least \$207,000 is required to complete the project.

DISCUSSION:

On February 8, 2016, the City was awarded \$1,042,000 in ATP Cycle II funds to complete the pedestrian and bicyclist expansion and safety improvement project. The grant funds will be utilized in conjunction with City matching funds to implement the project which includes the following components:

1. Installation of 5.5 miles of new Class II bike lanes on Central Avenue from Van Buren Boulevard to Carlo Drive;
2. Construction of a two-way cycle track on Canyon Crest Drive connecting to the UCR campus;
3. Construction of a two-way cycle track on Watkins Drive near UCR;
4. Purchase and installation of a HAWK signal at the uncontrolled school crossing for North High School on Linden Street at Cranford Avenue;
5. Addition of sharrow pavement markings and signs for cyclists sharing the road within Fairmount Park;
6. Installation of traffic circle improvements to decrease travel speeds and improve safety for cyclists within a select neighborhood (approval of substitution project location pending consent by Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) due to elimination of original project on Pine Street as a result local residents rescinding support for project); and
7. Acquisition of approximately 20 decorative bike racks for installation at key locations Downtown.

The project will expand Class II bike lane facilities and improve connectivity, enhance bicyclist, pedestrian, and student safety, heighten driver awareness of the North High School uncontrolled pedestrian crossing and cyclists sharing the road within Fairmount Park, install traffic circles to reduce traffic speeds and provide an improved cycling environment within a select neighborhood (substitution project pending SCAG approval), and increase walking and cycling within our communities and to and from area schools.

The Public Works Department will return to City Council to award, request a supplemental appropriation, and provide updated project costs after the project is advertised and bids are received.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated total project cost is \$1,249,000 and costs associated with the local match of \$207,000 are available in the Central/Canyon Crest/Watkins Bike Lanes account 9893533-440313 (Measure A). Grant revenues in the amount of \$1,042,000 will be appropriated to project account 9893500-335450 used to offset expenses to the project described in the report. Request for authority to spend on individual projects will be made upon City Council's award of the project.

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Attachments:

1. ATP Cycle II – Award Letter
2. ATP Cycle II – List of Awarded Projects
3. Presentation