



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: AUGUST 2, 2022

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WARD: 1

**SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MSRC FUNDING
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR RIVERSIDE HUNTER PARK/UCR
METROLINK STATION IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$220,000 –
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

ISSUES:

Approval of a Cooperative Agreement with the Riverside County Transportation Commission to provide Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) Funding to construct concrete sidewalks on the east side of Rustin Avenue between Marlborough Avenue and Spruce Street (Project); and authorization of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$220,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Riverside County Transportation Commission MSRC Funding Cooperative Agreement for Riverside Hunter Park/UCR Metrolink Station Improvements;
2. With at least five affirmative votes, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in revenues and supplemental appropriation in the Capital Outlay – Grants Fund, Rustin Avenue Sidewalk Improvements revenue and expenditure accounts in the amount of \$220,000; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Agreement, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

The Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee has supported and invested funding in clean transportation initiatives that reduce air pollution from motor vehicles throughout the South Coast Region. As part of Metrolink's expansion service to the City of Perris, a train station was established on the north side of Marlborough Avenue at Rustin Avenue. In order to accommodate and encourage pedestrian travel to/from the train station, the City is recommending the construction of missing sidewalk (approximately 600 linear feet) on the easterly side of Rustin Avenue. The Riverside County Department of Mental Health located at 2085 Rustin Avenue has expressed strong support for the sidewalk construction to accommodate its staff and visitors who

rely on Metrolink train service to reach these facilities.

DISCUSSION:

The City, in cooperation with Riverside County Transportation Commission, is proposing to construct concrete sidewalks on the east side of Rustin Avenue between Marlborough Avenue and Spruce Street to facilitate pedestrian access to the Riverside Hunter Park/UCR Metrolink Station. The project will also install a midblock pedestrian crosswalk with rapid flashing beacons on Rustin Avenue and a crosswalk at the intersection of Rustin Avenue and Spruce Street.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item contributes to **Strategic Priority 6 - Infrastructure, Mobility, and Connectivity** and the following goals:

Goal 6.2 – Maintain, protect, and improve assets and infrastructure within the City's built environment to ensure and enhance reliability, resiliency, sustainability, and facilitate connectivity.

Goal 6.3 – Identify and pursue new and unique funding opportunities to develop, operate, maintain, and renew infrastructure and programs that meet the community's needs.

Furthermore, this project aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads:

1. **Community Trust** – Riverside is transparent and makes decisions based on sound policy, inclusive community engagement, involvement of City Boards & Commissions, and timely and reliable information.
2. **Equity** – Activities and actions by the City serve the public interest, benefit the City's diverse populations, and result in greater public good. Public Works strives to improve the City's roadway network to provide safe and reliable transportation to all areas of the City. The Project benefits all residents and visitors utilizing the improvements.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – The Project will use MSRC funds to design these valuable infrastructures to the City and the region.
4. **Innovation** – This project exemplifies established methods of street improvements. Riverside is inventive and timely in meeting the community's changing needs and prepares for the future through collaborative partnerships and adaptive processes.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The construction materials specified for this project are considered best practices in the industry and are expected to last well into the future.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of this action is \$220,000. Upon Council approval, an increase in revenues and supplemental appropriation will be recorded in the amount of \$220,000 in Capital Outlay – Grants Fund, Rustin Avenue Sidewalk Improvements, Revenue from Other Agencies revenue account no. 9923934-339000 and Miscellaneous Agency Funding expenditure account no.

9923934-440309.

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Attachments:

1. Location Map
2. Cooperative Agreement with RCTC