



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: JULY 24, 2018**

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT **WARDS: 3 AND 5**

**SUBJECT: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CYCLE 4 GRANT APPLICATION –
RAMONA AND MAGNOLIA CENTER PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS**

ISSUE:

Authorize the submittal of a \$3,834,000 grant application to California Transportation Commission to construct new concrete sidewalks and pedestrian ramps in the Ramona and Magnolia Center neighborhoods to close gaps in the existing sidewalk network and enhance accessibility by providing a safe walkway for pedestrians, including students walking to and from the local schools.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Authorize the Public Works Department to prepare and submit an Active Transportation Program Cycle 4 grant application to the California Transportation Commission in the amount of \$3,834,000 to construct new concrete sidewalks and pedestrian ramps in the Ramona and Magnolia Center neighborhoods; and
2. Upon grant award, authorize local matching funds in the total amount of \$1,000,000, or \$250,000 annually, to be budgeted over a four year period during Fiscal Years 2019/20–2022/23 from City Gas Tax account 9888527-440223.

BACKGROUND:

On September 26, 2013, Governor Brown signed legislation creating the Active Transportation Program (ATP). The ATP consolidated previous federal and state transportation programs, including the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA), and State Safe Routes to School (SR2S), into a single program.

The purpose of ATP is to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation by achieving the following goals:

- Increase the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking;
- Increase safety and mobility for non-motorized users;
- Advance the active transportation efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals;
- Enhance public health;
- Ensure that disadvantaged communities fully share in the benefits of the program; and

- Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.

On May 16, 2018, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) announced the ATP Cycle 4 Call for Projects. ATP Cycle 4 is expected to include approximately \$440 million in federal and state grants. The funding/programming years are expected to run for four years, from 2019/2020 to 2022/2023.

DISCUSSION:

The Public Works Department has participated in the ATP grant program since its inception in 2014, seeking funding for important active transportation projects through the submission of multiple grant applications during the first three calls for projects. To date, the Public Works Department has been successful in securing \$6,561,217 in federal and state grants for five projects under ATP Cycles 1, 2, and 3 benefiting the City and its residents by implementing improvements providing crucial pedestrian and cyclist safety and mobility enhancements.

The Public Works Department is requesting authorization from the City Council to submit an application for \$3,834,000 of ATP Cycle 4 grant funding to construct pedestrian improvements consisting of new concrete sidewalks and pedestrian ramps in 37 local streets in the Ramona and Magnolia Center neighborhoods (attachment 1). The selected streets are located in close vicinity to four elementary schools and one high school, and are within the attendance boundaries for Sierra and Chemwawa Middle Schools. If the project is selected, the new sidewalk and pedestrian ramps are expected to enhance safety and mobility for residents in addition to improving public health and reducing greenhouse gas emissions by promoting an increase in the number of trips accomplished by walking.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated total project cost including design, construction, construction engineering, and contingencies is \$4,834,000. If successful, the ATP Cycle 4 grant funding will be used for the construction phase of the project, including construction engineering. The Public Works Department is proposing to provide \$1,000,000 (20.6%) in local matching funds for the project to make the project more competitive to receive grant funding. The local matching funds will be available over the four programming years of the ATP Cycle 4 beginning in FY 2019/20 – FY 2022/23 in the amount of \$250,000 per year from City Gas Tax account 9888527-440223. Approximately \$440,000 of the local matching funds will be used to complete the engineering design and environmental clearance of the project. The remaining local matching funds will be utilized towards the construction phase of the project.

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Attachments:

1. Location Map
2. Presentation