



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: APRIL 2, 2019

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WARDS: 6 AND 7

**SUBJECT: FY 2019/20 SB 821 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES PROGRAM
BIENNIAL CALL FOR PROJECTS GRANT APPLICATION – ADAIR AVENUE,
BONITA AVENUE, CLETA DRIVE, AND THRUSH DRIVE PEDESTRIAN
IMPROVEMENTS**

ISSUE:

Authorize the submittal of three separate grant applications, totaling \$530,000, to Riverside County Transportation Commission to construct new concrete sidewalks and pedestrian ramps at Adair Avenue, Bonita Avenue, Cleta Drive, and Thrush Drive to improve sidewalk connectivity and enhance pedestrian accessibility.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Authorize the Public Works Department to prepare and submit three FY 2019/20 SB 821 grant applications to the Riverside County Transportation Commission in an amount totaling \$530,000 to construct new concrete sidewalks and pedestrian ramps at Adair Avenue, Bonita Avenue, Cleta Drive, and Thrush Drive; and
2. Upon grant award, authorize local matching funds in the total amount of \$530,000, or \$265,000 annually, to be budgeted over a two year period during Fiscal Years 2019/20–2020/21 from Sidewalk/Trail Construction (Gas Tax) expenditure account 9888527-440223.

BACKGROUND:

SB 821, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program, is administered through the Transportation Development Act (TDA), funded through a ¼ cent of the general statewide sales tax. The TDA provides two major sources of funding for public transportation: the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and the State Transit Assistance (STA). The LTF provides funding for essential transit and commuter rail services, SB 821, and planning efforts. Two percent of the LTF revenue is made available for use on bicycle and pedestrian facility projects through the SB 821 program. SB 821 is a discretionary program administered by the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the 2019 SB 821 Call for Projects has programmed an estimated \$3,833,000.

The SB 821 Call for Projects occurs on a biennial basis, with a release date on the first Monday in February and a closure date on the last Thursday in April. Per RCTC's SB 821 adopted policies, awardees receiving an allocation have 24 months upon executing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to complete construction. Eligible projects include:

- Construction of bicycle and pedestrian facilities;
- Bicycle safety education programs;
- Maintenance of bicycling trails, which are closed to motorized traffic;
- Maintenance and repairs of Class I off-street bicycle facilities only;
- Restriping Class II bicycle lanes;
- Facilities provided for the use of bicycles that serve the needs of commuting bicyclists, including, but not limited to, new trails serving major transportation corridors, secure bicycle parking at employment centers, park and ride lots, and transit terminals where other funds are available; and
- Development of comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plans.

DISCUSSION:

The Public Works Department is requesting authorization from the City Council to submit three separate grant applications totaling \$530,000 in SB 821 grant funding to construct new concrete sidewalks and pedestrian ramps at four local streets in the Arlanza, La Sierra Hills, and La Sierra neighborhoods (attachment 1). The selected streets and requested grant amounts are:

1. Adair Avenue – Jo Jo Way to Randolph Street (\$150,000)
2. Bonita Avenue – Tyler Street to Pendleton Street (\$210,000)
3. Clela Drive/Thrush Drive – Campbell Avenue to La Sierra Avenue (\$170,000)

The recommended streets are located in close vicinity to local schools, parks, and shopping centers. If the projects are awarded, the new sidewalks and pedestrian ramps are expected to improve sidewalk connectivity, enhance safety and mobility for residents, and improve public health by encouraging increased walking and a more active lifestyle. The combined effects would reduce greenhouse gas emissions as residents would be encouraged to walk for shorter trips.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total estimated projects' cost including design, construction, construction engineering, and contingencies is \$1,060,000. The Public Works Department is proposing to provide \$530,000 (50.0%) in local matching funds to make the projects more competitive to receive grant funding. The local matching funds will be available over the two programming years of the SB 821 grant beginning in FY 2019/20 to FY 2020/21, in the amount of \$265,000 per year from Sidewalk/Trail Construction (Gas Tax) expenditure account 9888527-440223.

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Attachments: Location Maps