



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WARDS: 6 AND 7

SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGREEMENTS FOR FUNDING UNDER SB 821 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES PROGRAM FOR ADAIR AVENUE AND BONITA AVENUE PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$360,000 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Approval of the Riverside County Transportation Commission Agreements for Funding under the SB 821 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program for Adair Avenue and Bonita Avenue Sidewalk Improvements for a total amount of \$360,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Accept a grant award from the Riverside County Transportation Commission in the amount of \$360,000 for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Grant Program;
2. Authorize an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of \$150,000 to account 9908227-413530 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to Adair Sidewalk account 9908227-440223;
3. Authorize an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of \$210,000 to account 9908327-413530 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to Bonita Sidewalk account 9908327-440223;
4. Approve the Riverside County Transportation Commission Agreement for Funding under the SB 821 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program for Adair Avenue Sidewalk Improvements in the amount of \$150,000;
5. Approve the Riverside County Transportation Commission Agreement for Funding under the SB 821 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program for Bonita Avenue Sidewalk Improvements in the amount of \$210,000; and
6. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Funding Agreements with Riverside County Transportation Commission, including making minor non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

On April 2, 2019, the City Council authorized the Public Works Department to prepare and submit three Fiscal Year 2019-20 Senate Bill 821 grant applications to 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 authorized 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 and 2020-21 from Sidewalk/Trail Construction (Gas Tax) Expenditure Account 9888527-440223.

DISCUSSION:

On June 14, 2019, the Riverside County Transportation Commission notified the Public Works Department that two of the City's three separate grant applications requesting SB 821 grant funding to construct new concrete sidewalks and pedestrian ramps had been successful. The approved grant applications and amounts are:

1. Adair Avenue Pedestrian Improvements – Jo Jo Way to Randolph Street (\$150,000)
2. Bonita Avenue Pedestrian Improvements – Tyler Street to Pendleton Street (\$210,000)

The City's third application requesting \$170,000 in grant funding for Cleta Drive/Thrush Drive Pedestrian Improvements did not score high enough and was not selected for grant funding.

The recommended streets are located in close vicinity to local schools, parks, and shopping centers. 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 also reduce greenhouse gas emissions as residents would be encouraged to walk for their shorter trips.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total estimated projects' costs including design, construction, construction engineering, and contingencies is \$720,000. The Public Works Department will be providing \$360,000 in local matching funds over the two programming years of the SB 821 grant beginning in FY 2019/20 to FY 2020/21, in the amount of \$180,000 per year from Sidewalk/Trail Construction (Gas Tax) expenditure account 9888527-440223.

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availability of funds: Edward Enriquez, Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer
Approved by: Rafael Guzman, Assistant City Manager
Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Location Maps
2. RCTC Agreement for Funding for Adair Ave Pedestrian Improvements
3. RCTC Agreement for Funding for Bonita Avenue Pedestrian Improvements