



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2019
FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL
SUBJECT: LOCAL ROAD SAFETY PLAN FUNDING APPLICATION

ISSUE:

Approve the Public Works Department's application for State funding to draft a Local Roadway Safety Plan, and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents pertaining to the acceptance of program funds.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Public Works Department's application for State funding to draft a Local Road Safety Plan;
2. Authorize, upon approval, an increase in revenues in the amount of \$72,000 to the Public Works Department Revenue account 9908800-334100 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to the Public Works Department Local Road Safety Plan account 9908800-440210 account upon award; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the agreement and all necessary documents pertaining to the acceptance of program funds in the amount of \$72,000, with \$28,000 in local agency matching funds.

BACKGROUND:

On October 8, 2019, the State Department of Transportation established a program to fund Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) development for agencies within California. The creation of LRSPs are an objective of California's Strategic Highway Safety Plan, a document that coordinates statewide resources and organizations with the objective of reducing traffic accident fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.

DISCUSSION:

The State has announced that starting in April of 2022, an LRSP will be required for municipalities to be eligible for further funding through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). Such plans will be required to be updated on a five-year basis. Highway Safety Improvement funds are an important resource for the Public Works Department. The City has recently been awarded substantial funding through the HSIP for the Arlington Avenue roadway safety project (north of La Sierra), several HAWK pedestrian signals, the application of high friction surface treatment on several roadways, and for the replacement of traffic signal controllers.

Local Roadway Safety Plans are a tool for agencies to:

- Identify key potential areas of roadway safety improvement
- Identify potential spot and systemic safety countermeasures
- Facilitate discussion with stakeholders representing the four E's of roadway safety: Engineering, Enforcement, Education, and Emergency Responders
- Establish a shared set of goals and priorities to address identified key areas

An LRSP for Riverside would build upon the City's established mechanisms for roadway safety monitoring. The City's Police Department records and maintains a database of collision data within the City using the Crossroads Analytics platform. The City's Transportation Board receives Major Accident Investigation Team quarterly reports from the City's Traffic Lieutenant. Recorded data is used when the City's Public Works Department applies for Highway Safety Improvement Program funds to inform the selection of appropriate safety countermeasures, and as part of applications for funding through the Office of Traffic Safety.

Funds are available to draft Local Roadway Safety Plans in the amount of \$72,000 per agency and will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis until available state funding is exhausted. For this reason, the Public Works Department submitted an immediate application for funding to the State for LRSP funds.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated total project cost is \$100,000. Revenues in the amount of \$72,000 will be appropriated to Public Works Department Local Road Safety Plan project account number 9908800-440210, and will be used to offset the development of the LRSP. A local agency match is required, and funding in the amount of \$28,000 for this match is available in Public Works Department Local Road Safety Plan account 9908833-440313.

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Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Local Roadway Safety Plan Funding Request Form
2. Local Roadway Safety Plan Information Page