



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

**SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 LIST OF PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE ROAD
MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION ACCOUNT CREATED BY SENATE
BILL 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017 –
RESOLUTION ADOPTION**

ISSUE:

Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2021/22 project list to be completed utilizing projected revenues from FY 2021/22 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account created by Senate Bill 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopt a resolution approving the FY 2021/22 project list to be completed utilizing projected revenues from the FY 2021/22 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account created by Senate Bill 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

BACKGROUND:

On April 28, 2017, the California Governor signed Senate Bill 1, referred to as the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB-1), to address essential road maintenance, rehabilitation, and critical safety needs on both the state highway and local streets networks. SB-1 is funded by gallon fuel excise taxes, diesel fuel sales taxes, and vehicle registration fees. Taxes may adjust in future years proportionally to inflation.

The California State Controller's Office deposits various portions of these revenues into the State's Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA). A percentage of the RMRA funds are apportioned by a formula to eligible cities and counties pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 2032(h) as part of the SB-1 Local Street and Roads Program (LSRP).

SB-1 guidelines include accountability and transparency provisions that will ensure the public is aware of the projects being completed utilizing the RMRA funds each fiscal year. Any jurisdiction receiving RMRA funds must adopt a Resolution that includes a list of projects to be completed.

The project list does not limit the flexibility of the City to fund projects in accordance with the City's needs and priorities so long as the projects are consistent with the SB-1 program priorities, which include projects associated with road maintenance and rehabilitation, safety, railroad grade separations, complete streets, and traffic control devices.

DISCUSSION:

The SB-1 Local Streets and Roads Program enables the City to complete essential road maintenance and rehabilitation projects. The State Department of Finance estimates the City of Riverside will receive \$6,303,954 in FY 2021/22 RMRA funds (Attachment 1). Estimated RMRA funds are included in the City's budget for FY 2021/22.

Per LSRP guidelines, the Resolution (Attachment 2) provides the list of projects to be completed utilizing the RMRA funds. The Project List requires a description and the location of each proposed project, a proposed schedule for the project's completion, and the estimated useful life.

The Project List for the FY 2021/22 LSRP includes:

- a) Construct maintenance and rehabilitation improvements that will resurface 2.90 miles of arterial streets, including Olivewood Avenue, Jurupa Avenue, and La Sierra Avenue. It will also consist of resurfacing 3.89 miles of local streets, including Kanas Avenue, Berry Road, the neighborhood surrounding Toyon Road and Holly Lane, the neighborhood surrounding Copper Lantern Drive and Greenpoint Avenue, and one alley near Roosevelt Street and Primrose Drive.

These maintenance improvements also include reconstruction of damaged concrete curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and driveways; replacement of pedestrian ramps that are not compliant with the current provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and replacement of signing and striping as required;

- b) Install a new traffic signal system at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Monroe Street. New traffic signals make it easier for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and public transit to enter the intersection. Traffic signals reduce overall intersection delay and reduce emissions and congestion;
- c) Install new High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk Beacon (HAWK) signals at Martin Luther King Boulevard just west of Douglass Avenue adjacent to Bordwell Park and near Emerson Elementary School, and on Adams Street just north of Brunswick Avenue adjacent to Adams Elementary School. HAWK signals stop vehicular traffic and allow pedestrians to cross the roadway safely; and
- d) Install Green Conflict Zones on westbound Third Street at Park Avenue; on westbound Alessandro Boulevard at Canyon Crest Drive, and on northbound Trautwein Road approaching Alessandro Boulevard. The Green Conflict Zones promote awareness for bicyclists crossing right turn lanes at intersections. Motorists must yield to bicyclists within the green conflict zone, which improves safety for both.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item contributes to Strategic Priority No. 6 Infrastructure, Mobility and Connectivity, and Goal No. 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.

This item aligns with EACH of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The proposed improvements are part of a more significant endeavor to improve the City's roadway network and quality of life for the residents and visitors. The

Public Works Department (Public Works) has provided numerous presentations to the City Council, Transportation Committee, and Budget Engagement Commission as part of the City's Pavement Management Program, setting the goals to improve the roadway conditions and safety.

2. **Equity** – Public Works strives to improve the City's roadway network to provide safe and reliable transportation in all areas of the City. Public Works attempts to expend its financial resources equally throughout all wards. Additionally, staff meets with each City Councilmember to discuss our goals, budget, recommend paving maintenance projects, and obtain their feedback on the requests they are receiving from their constituents.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – Public Works is anticipated to receive approximately \$18 Million for the City's Pavement Management Program for FY 2021/22 from various funding sources, including County Measure A Sales Taxes, City Measure Z Gas Taxes, and State Gas Taxes which includes the SB-1 revenues. Public Works is a prudent steward of public funds and ensures responsible management of the City's financial resources and will award construction contracts to the lowest responsive bidders for all projects.
4. **Innovation** – Public Works utilizes various methods for maintaining its roadways and is always considering new or alternative approaches if deemed feasible. Some methods include recycled rubberized asphalt, rubberized rock chip interlayers, fiber reinforced asphalt, and rejuvenating the existing asphalt in place as a new surface course. Public Works is receptive to discussing new products with our local vendors and manufacturers.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** –The construction materials specified for these projects are considered best practices in the industry. The use of rubberized and recycled material is a tremendous benefit to the environment and will reduce waste storage while optimizing the comfort and ride for motorists.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. The adopted FY 2021/22 Public Works Department Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget includes \$6,412,633 allocated to the project "RMRA Rehabilitation & Traffic Improvements" based on the estimated revenues at the time. The CIP budget will be reduced to \$6,303,954 and specifically appropriated to the projects indicated on the Project List (Attachment 1).

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Attachments:

1. Projected FY 2021-22 RMRA Revenues
2. FY 2021-22 SB-1 Resolution
3. Presentation