

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: AUGUST 5, 2025

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WARDS: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 AND 7

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 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 Fiscal Year 2025-26 projects to be completed utilizing revenues from the Fiscal Year 2025-26 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 Fiscal Year 2025-26 project list to be completed utilizing the projected revenues from the Fiscal Year 2025-26 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 basic road maintenance, rehabilitation, and critical safety needs on both the state highway and local streets networks. SB-1 is funded by fuel excise taxes, diesel fuel sales taxes, and vehicle registration fees. Taxes may adjust in future years proportionally to inflation and/or increased fees.

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 City's flexibility 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 LSRP enables the City to complete additional essential road maintenance/rehabilitation and traffic safety projects. Per LSRP guidelines, the Resolution (Attachment 1) provides the list of projects to be completed utilizing the RMRA funds. The project list included in the Resolution 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 Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 LSRP includes maintenance and rehabilitation improvements on 6.6 miles of City streets including 3 arterial streets, 2 collector streets, and 15 minor streets (see Resolution for specific project locations). SB-1 funds are part of Public Works' wider strategy to conduct pavement maintenance across the entire City.

These maintenance improvements generally include: asphalt resurfacing, reconstruction of damaged concrete curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and driveways, replacement of pedestrian ramps that are not compliant with the current provisions of the American with Disabilities Act, and replacement of signing and striping as required.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This Project aligns with **Strategic Priority 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.

The Project further aligns with each of the following Cross-Cutting Threads:

- 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 residents and visitors.
- 2. **Equity** –Public Works strives to improve the City's roadway network to provide safe and reliable transportation to all areas of the City.
- 3. **Fiscal Responsibility** –Public Works responsibly manages a variety of funding sources to complete projects included in the City's Capital Improvement Program construction projects are always awarded to the lowest responsive bidders.
- 4. **Innovation** Project specifications require state of the art methods of street improvements.
- 5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** –The construction materials specified for these projects are considered best practices in the industry. The use of rubberized and recycled material greatly benefits the environment, reducing wasted storage, providing extra layers of protection, and adding longevity to our resurfaced streets.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action to submit the list of projects to be funded by SB-1 LSRP. The adopted FY 2025-26 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget included \$7,450,876 in the Special Gas Tax Fund allocated to the project "RMRA Rehabilitation & Traffic Improvements" based on the estimated revenues at the time. As of May 2025, the State Department of Finance estimates that the City of Riverside will receive \$8,602,338 in FY 2025-26

RMRA funds (Attachment 2). Should these additional funds materialize, a report will be brought forward to Council for an additional appropriation.

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Attachments:

1. FY 2025-26 SB-1 Resolution

2. Projected FY 2025-26 RMRA Revenues