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Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Jim Ortbal

SUBJECT: ONE BAY AREA GRANT BETTER
BIKEWAYSJ GRANT ACCEPTANCE

DATE: May 29, 2018

Approved

Date

6-7-18

COUNCIL DISTRICTS: 3, 5

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution to:

- a) Authorize the City Manager or designee to accept grant funding and negotiate and execute all documents necessary to fund the Better BikewaySJ Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,150,000.
- b) Make the certifications and assurances required under the grant program.

OUTCOME

Adoption of this resolution is required by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) as part of the grant award process. This grant award provides \$1,150,000 in grant funding for the Better BikewaySJ project to implement "an all ages and abilities bike network" within downtown San José; this supports key City priorities to create safe streets for all users and a balanced transportation network.

BACKGROUND

The One Bay Area Grant Program (OBAG) was approved by the MTC in May 2012 to better integrate the region's federal highway funding program with California's climate law and the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS).

In May 2013, the City applied and received OBAG grant funding in the amount of \$1,150,000 for the San José Bikeways Project to implement Class II/III bikeways citywide. Shortly after obtaining the grant award, the Department of Transportation (DOT) made a strategic shift to more closely coordinate bicycle planning and implementation with its annual Pavement

Maintenance Program (PMP). This strategy provided multiple benefits, including the ability to increase the number of bikeways being implemented annually, and allowing the City to leverage existing resources more effectively. Through this coordinated approach, several of the Class II/III bike lanes under the OBAG grant were implemented through coordination with the PMP using more flexible Transportation Development Act (TDA3) grant funds. Subsequently, in February 2018, DOT requested reprogramming of the original OBAG grant award for Better BikewaySJ, a high priority and underfunded project. MTC and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) subsequently approved the City's request to reprogram funding.

ANALYSIS

DOT actively pursues grant funds for projects that support the goals of the Transportation and Aviation City Service Area. The City's request to reprogram OBAG funding for the Better BikewaySJ project requires the City to adopt a new "Resolution of Local Support".

Adoption of the resolution will allow the City to deliver the Better BikewaySJ project to implement a network of bikeways that will transform San José streets, elevating their role as public spaces and providing people with a safer environment to bike around downtown for their daily transportation needs. By implementing a network of protected bicycle lanes and calm neighborhood streets, the City would be developing what is referred to as an "all ages and abilities bike network" that encourages more people to bike and improves safety for all roadway users.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

Progress on implementation of the Better BikewaySJ project will be reported to the Transportation and Environment Committee during the annual Bike and Trails Report.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Better BikewaySJ project has undergone significant public outreach during the spring of 2018. This outreach included four community meetings, and attending and sharing information at 16 neighborhood community and/or business associations meetings.

This memorandum will be posted to the City's website for the June 19, 2018, Council agenda.

COORDINATION

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office and City Manager's Budget Office.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION/INPUT

No commission recommendation or input is associated with this action.

BUDGET REFERENCE

Execution of the grant agreement does not require additional budget action. Funding of \$1,150,000, and local match of \$158,000, was previously appropriated for the San José Bikeways project. This funding is recommended to be rebudgeted in the 2018-2019 Proposed Capital Budget, corresponding with the reprogramming of OBAG funding. Additionally, the 2018-2019 Proposed Capital Budget recommends renaming the Bikeways Project appropriation to the Better BikewaySJ project to reflect the change in projects.

CEQA

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/s/
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