



COUNCIL AGENDA: 1/23/2018

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Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Jim Ortbal
Margaret McCahan

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: January 3, 2018

Approved

Date

1-10-18

COUNCIL DISTRICTS: 2, 3 & 7

**SUBJECT: SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING (STP) GRANT
ACCEPTANCE ACTIONS**

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) Adopt a resolution to receive grant funding from the California Department of Transportation out of the State Highway Sustainable Communities Account for the purpose of conducting the Senter Road Multimodal Safety Study. The resolution will accept the grant funding in the amount of \$480,063, including a local match of \$55,063, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all Restricted Grant Agreements and any amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.
- (b) Adopt the following Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Funding Sources Resolution and Appropriation Ordinance amendments in the Building and Structure Construction Tax Fund:
 - (1) Increase the revenue estimate from the State of California to the Department of Transportation in the amount of \$425,000;
 - (2) Establish the Senter Road Multimodal Safety Study appropriation to the Department of Transportation in the amount of \$480,063; and
 - (3) Decrease the Transportation Grants Reserve to the Department of Transportation in the amount of \$55,063.

OUTCOME

Adoption of the resolution is required by the California Department of Transportation as part of the grant acceptance and contracting agreement process. This grant opportunity will provide \$480,063 in combined grant and local match for a project on Senter Road, a Vision Zero Priority Safety Corridor, that addresses the key City priorities related to the planning of complete streets, traffic safety enhancements, and improved multimodal connectivity.

BACKGROUND

The Sustainable Transportation Planning (STP) Grant is a two-year competitive program that provides grants to projects in, or serving, communities of concern and priority development areas. The program is open to cities, towns, counties, and Congestion Management Agency to compete for grants that will fund multimodal transportation improvements. The program has the following general objectives:

- Improve multimodal mobility and accessibility for all people in order to meet the state's future transportation demands;
- Preserve the transportation system and efficiently utilize the transportation facilities;
- Improve transportation safety for all modes of travel;
- Support a vibrant economy through management and enhancement of the movement of goods and people;
- Foster livable and healthy communities and promote social equity by finding transportation solutions that balance and integrate community needs; and,
- Plan and provide transportation services while protecting the environment, wildlife, historical, and cultural assets.

In May 2015, San Jose formally adopted a Vision Zero transportation safety initiative, which aims to eliminate fatalities and reduce severe injuries caused by traffic collisions. Through rigorous evaluation of crash data, Senter Road from Story Road to Monterey Road was identified as one of the 17 major street segments that have the highest frequency of fatal and severe injury collisions. As a result, Senter Road was identified as one of San Jose's Priority Safety Corridors that have a clear need for transportation planning, and ultimately improvement of the corridors.

ANALYSIS

The Department of Transportation (DOT) actively pursues grant funds for projects that support the City's surface transportation goals, including projects that support the Vision Zero Safety Initiative, improve multi-modal connectivity and complete streets. DOT recently applied for funding consideration under the competitive STP Grant Program for a multimodal safety study on Senter Road.

Senter Road is primarily a six-lane principal arterial, which runs north-south and serves multiple low-income neighborhoods and connects major destinations. The study corridor is 4.7 miles long, stretches from Story Road at its northerly end to Monterey Road at the southerly end. The corridor has a posted speed limit of 40 mph and carries an average daily traffic of 23,000 vehicles/day. Senter Road has discontinuous sidewalks and limited bike lanes. Gaps and deficiencies in multimodal infrastructure- combined with wide and inconsistent roadway cross-sections, high vehicular volumes and speeds- create barriers to multimodal travel and an undesirable environment for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders.

This study will help shape Senter Road into a multimodal complete street that better accommodates all modes of transportation and enhances safety especially for the most vulnerable roadway users - pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists - while still serving motorists. This grant will allow San Jose to secure a consultant to perform the study. The study findings and associated conceptual planning will be used as a framework for future improvements along the corridor. The study will include a traffic operational and safety assessment, community outreach and consultation process with regards to conceptual complete street design plan alternatives.

Recommended safety measures will aim to help reduce vehicle speeds, minimize vehicle conflicts with pedestrians and bicyclists, increase visibility and awareness of pedestrians and bicyclists, and create safer and more attractive pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Additionally, the project will improve the connectivity and accessibility for residents to transit, local businesses, and recreational facilities, as well as encourage walking and bicycling within the community, thus helping to reduce congestion and air pollution.

The STP grant awarded for the Senter Road Multimodal Safety Study project is expected to commence in winter 2018 subject to completion of the grant agreement, and end in early spring 2020. The Safety Study will cover the operational and safety analysis, and develop a conceptual complete street design plan with multimodal safety improvements consistent with the above referenced grant objectives.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

Coordination will occur with the Council Offices in which the competitive grant project is located.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

During the development of this project, there will be a series of community meetings to discuss the project scope, development, and to receive community input. This memorandum will be posted on the City's website for the City Council Agenda.

COORDINATION

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

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

This item does not have input from any board or commission.

FISCAL/POLICY ALIGNMENT

The project aligns with the Transportation and Aviation Services CSA outcomes to provide viable transportation choices that promote a strong economy and to provide a transportation system that enhances community livability. The project also aligns with the City's Vision Zero Action Plan, and safety goals.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

Recommendations included in this memorandum will commit \$55,063 of local match funding to secure a total of \$425,000 from the State STP grant program. To fund the local match, budget actions are recommended to allocate funding from the Transportation Grants Reserve in the Building and Structure Construction Tax Fund.

BUDGET REFERENCE

The following table identifies fund and appropriations proposed to fund the grant project recommended as part of this memorandum.

Fund #	Appn. #	Appn. Name	Current Appn. Amount	Rec. Budget Action	2017-2018 Adopted Capital Budget Page	Last Budget Action (Date, Ord. No.)
429	R100	Revenue from State of California	\$0	\$425,000	N/A	10/18/2016, 77953
429	NEW	Senter Road Multimodal Safety Study	N/A	\$480,063	N/A	N/A
429	8308	Transportation Grants Reserve	\$2,000,000	(\$55,063)	941	6/20/2017, 29962

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CEQA

Statutory Exempt, PP17-001, CEQA Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies.

/s/

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Director of Transportation



MARGARET MCCAHAH

Budget Director

I hereby certify that there will be available for appropriation in the Building and Structure Construction Tax Fund in 2017-2018, monies in excess of those heretofore appropriated therefrom, said excess being at least \$425,000.



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Budget Director

For questions, contact Heba El-Guindy, DOT Vision Zero Program Manager, at 408-975-3222.