



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: AUGUST 2, 2016

ITEM NUMBER: CC-10

SUBJECT: BICYCLE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

DATE: JULY 21, 2016

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT - TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: JAMES G. ROSS, INTERIM PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR

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RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution approving the submittal of grant funding applications for three bicycle projects under the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) Bicycle Corridor Improvement Program (BCIP) for Fiscal Years 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 (Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND:

The BCIP is funded using federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, authorized under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST). The CMAQ Program provides funding through annual appropriations to OCTA to be used for transportation-related projects that reduce congestion and improve air quality. OCTA is responsible for selecting regionally significant projects for Orange County and working with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in administering selected projects.

ANALYSIS:

The "BCIP 2016 Call for Projects" was approved on February 9, 2016 by the OCTA Board of Directors. This competitive program will make \$20 million in federal CMAQ funds available for bicycle projects for Fiscal Years 2016-17 and 2017-18. Projects eligible for CMAQ funding through this "Call for Projects" include bicycle facilities projects ranging from a minimum of \$100,000.00 to a maximum of \$3,000,000.00. A minimum local match of twelve (12) percent is required.

Eligible projects may include:

- New bicycle or multi-use facilities;
- Bicycle boulevard and sharrows;
- Bicycle racks, lockers and parking;
- Bicycle crossings and associated traffic control devices;
- Improvements on existing bicycle facilities; and
- Pedestrian Improvements when constructed with bicycle facilities.

Staff has analyzed the need for bicycle facility improvements within the City and submitted grant applications for the following three projects:

- Merrimac Way Multipurpose Trail;
- Adams Avenue Multipurpose Trail between Mesa Verde Drive East and Placentia Avenue; and
- Adams Avenue – Pinecreek Drive Access Improvements.

While the City met all the eligibility requirements, OCTA requires approval of the attached resolution prior to any consideration of the City’s application. The submittal of the application in response to this “BCIP 2016 Call for Projects” will not be deemed complete and final until an adopted resolution is submitted to OCTA. The resolution authorizes the Public Services Director to submit the grant application and provides commitment of City matching funds.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Council may consider to not adopt the Resolution. However, this alternative is not recommended as it would result in the City’s project applications being declined and render the City ineligible to compete for available grant funding.

FISCAL REVIEW:

If staff is successful in capturing grant funding for this project, a recommendation for a funding source for a local match will be made during the budget process. Available sources include Air Quality Management District (AQMD) AB 2766 funds, and the General Fund. These two (2) funding sources are eligible for local match funds under the BCIP guidelines. If grant funding is captured, the projects are typically implemented within a three-year period. This would allow for the City to adequately budget any required matching funds.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

CONCLUSION:

The current “BCIP 2016 Call for Projects” provides an opportunity for the City to compete for grant funding for implementation of bicycle projects under the 2016 Bicycle Corridor Improvement Program. Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution for OCTA’s consideration of the City’s project applications submitted for BCIP funding.

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ATTACHMENT: [1 – Resolution](#)

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