

Agenda Report



MEETING DATE: Tuesday, April 9, 2024

TO: City Council

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR LINDBERG
ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR FONTES

THROUGH: CITY MANAGER MENDEZ

SUBJECT: ACCEPT \$1,833,000 GRANT FROM THE SANTA CRUZ
COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
FOR THE GREEN VALLEY ROAD REHABILITATION
PROJECT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends the City Council adopt a resolution accepting \$1,833,000 grant from the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission for the Green Valley Road Rehabilitation Project and appropriate such funds to the Special Grants Funds [0260] and authorize the City Manager to execute and negotiate all agreements and any amendments necessary.

BACKGROUND:

In October 2023, staff submitted the grant application to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission in response to the Call for Projects – 2023 Consolidated Regional Transportation Grants. The grant application is for the Green Valley Road Rehabilitation Project.

On December 7, 2023, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission adopted Resolution No.20-24, for the 2023 Consolidated Grants Program, the Senate Bill 125 Transit Grants Program and 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program to program regional shares of State and Federal funds and amend project listing for previously programmed projects, which included the Green Valley Road Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$1,833,000 for the City of Watsonville.

DISCUSSION:

The Green Valley Road Rehabilitation Project is from Carey Avenue to City Limits, 0.4-mile length, and will rehabilitate the existing roadway, remove and replace existing curb ramps that do not comply with accessibility standards, provide Class II bike lane for the

much of the project, install high visibility striping, traffic marking and signage, and upgrade the existing traffic signal at Carnation Ave with pedestrian actuated and audible traffic signals.

The rehabilitation project will improve the existing roadway condition and preserve its service life. Upgrading existing pedestrian facilities and bringing them into compliance with current accessibility guidelines will improve access for all pedestrians. Installation of Class II bike lanes for the length of the project will add new bicycle facilities and improve cyclists' safety.

The improvement and rehabilitation of the Green Valley Road corridor has been a part of the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for more than 10 years. This project is the fourth and final phase of these improvements. The total project cost is estimated at \$4,320,000, and is partially funded, with \$2.5 million allocated from Gas Tax, SB 1, and Measure D. The awarded grant funds will be added to the existing funds set aside by the City for this project. Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of this year.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The project is consistent with the following Strategic Plan goal:

2-Infrastructure & Environment
5-Public Safety
6-Community Engagement & Well-Being

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The funds from this grant will go towards the estimated cost of \$4,320,000 to rehabilitate Green Valley Road from Carey Avenue to City Limits. Proceeds from the grant are to be appropriated to the Special Grants Fund [0260].

The remaining cost of the project will be paid by funds from SB1 [0306], Measure D [0312], and Gas Tax [305]

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

Council may choose not to accept the award which will delay the project.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

1. Green Valley Rd Rehabilitation Map