

Agenda Report

November 7, 2016

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Municipal Services Committee (October 11, 2016)

FROM: Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDING AND IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGEMENT OF UNION STREET CYCLE TRACK PHASE I PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the following proposed actions are exempt from review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3); and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements associated with the receipt of \$2,714,430 in reimbursable grant funding from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for the implementation and management of the Union Street Cycle Track Phase I Project (Capital Improvement Project Number 75087).

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 11, 2016, the Municipal Services Committee, following a presentation by Department of Transportation staff, expressed its support for the project and recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority associated with the receipt of grant funding and implementation and management of Union Street Cycle Track Phase I Project.

BACKGROUND:

The Mobility Element of the General Plan recognizes the value of the City of Pasadena becoming more bicycle-friendly. The City wishes to offer opportunities for healthier

lifestyles, reduce dependence on autos to reduce global warming gases and air pollution, reduce energy consumption, improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, and create more desirable neighborhoods. To that end, the City has taken a leadership role in sustainable transportation and implementing Complete Streets.

Accordingly, the Department of Transportation applied for and was awarded a 2015 Metro Call for Projects grant to improve bicycle safety and to install the first of two phases of a two-way protected cycle track on Union Street. The Union Street Cycle Track Project will create a new east-west two-way protected bike corridor on Union Street from Hill Avenue to Arroyo Parkway. The project's service area will include Pasadena City College, Cal Tech, the Playhouse District, the Central District and Old Pasadena. The Union Street Cycle Track project is included in the City of Pasadena's *Bicycle Transportation Action Plan* which was approved as part of the Mobility Element of the General Plan in August 2015. The *Bicycle Transportation Action Plan* was developed over a 2 year period with assistance from the Bicycle Transportation Action Plan Working Group, consultant KOA Corporation and a robust public process as illustrated by the timeline in Attachment A.

The Union Street Cycle Track Phase I Project (CIP No. 75087) will consist of the installation of the cycle track as part of a road diet on Union Street from Wilson Avenue to Arroyo Parkway. Included are the upgrading of 14 intersections with new bicycle traffic signal displays in both directions and the installation of protected left turn lanes and left turn traffic signals for vehicles. The project will also include a concrete barrier between the cycle track and the travel lane at all intersections and a painted barrier in locations where parking is available. The cycle track will not remove any driveway access along the south side of Union Street. Depending upon the final design, there may be a loss of on-street parking on the south side of Union Street. Currently from Wilson Avenue to Los Robles Avenue there is capacity for 63 parking spaces (no parking is available from Los Robles Avenue to Arroyo Parkway). For sight distance purposes at driveway locations there may be a loss of approximately 21 parking spaces.

Phase II (not currently funded) will extend the cycle track and road diet on Union Street from Hill Avenue to Wilson Avenue and add new traffic signals at four un-signalized intersections. This phase will also include a bicycle boulevard on Holliston Avenue which includes two new signalized intersections to connect the Union Street Cycle Track to the bike lanes on Cordova Street.

The total Phase I project cost is \$3,399,043. Metro will reimburse the City for expenditures incurred in support of the grant objectives to a maximum total project reimbursable cost of \$2,714,430. The City is required to provide the 20 percent local match in the total amount of \$684,613. The grant will be used to prepare the environmental documents and design and construct the project. The project is expected to be completed by February 2022.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The Union Street Cycle Track Phase I Project supports the General Plan guiding principle, "Pasadena will be a city where people can circulate without a car." The

project will directly assist the Department of Transportation in implementing the following major objectives of the Mobility Element:

- Enhance Livability.
- Encourage walking, biking, transit and other alternatives to motor vehicles.

Additionally, the project supports the Green City Action Plan by promoting environmentally sustainable programs at the local and regional levels. The City of Pasadena's Mobility Element gives direction to enhance bicycle safety through policy 1.7 – *Design streets to achieve safe interaction for all modes of travel particularly for pedestrians and bicycle users.*

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The implementation of the Union Street Cycle Track Phase I Project is exempt from CEQA per section 15061 (b) (3), the General Rule. The General Rule can be applied when it can be seen with certainty that the activity will not have a significant effect on the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As of October 2016, the Union Street Cycle Track Phase I Project's (CIP No. 75087) current available budget balance for the local match is \$189,000. The remaining local match fund of \$495,613 will be programmed in the FY 2019 Capital Improvement Program for the Union Street Cycle Track Phase I Project (CIP No. 75087), funded by Measure R (Fund 236), for City Council consideration in FY 2018.

Overall, the sources and uses of funds are as shown in the following table:

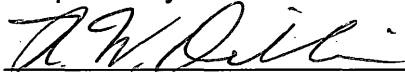
FUNDING SOURCE	FUNDS AVAILABLE
MTA Reimbursable Grant	\$ 2,714,430
Existing Local Match	\$ 189,000
Remaining Local Match Planned for FY 2019 CIP with Measure R (Fund 236)	\$ 495,613
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ 3,399,043

Respectfully submitted,



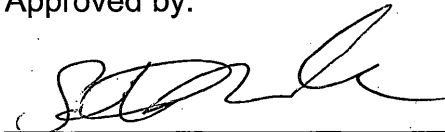
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Attachment:

Attachment A - Bicycle Transportation Action Plan timeline