

Agenda Report

April 20, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS WITH CALTRANS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDS FOR DEVELOPING A LOCAL ROAD SAFETY PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PASADENA

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) (General Rule); and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) associated with the receipt of Grant Funding for developing a Local Road Safety Plan for the City of Pasadena.

BACKGROUND:

On October 8, 2019 Caltrans announced a Call for Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) applications. A total of \$10 million from Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) was set aside to assist local agencies developing their Local Road Safety Plans, with a maximum of \$72,000 for each applicant. The Department of Transportation (DOT) applied for and was awarded \$72,000 in funding.

The California Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) is a statewide data-driven traffic safety plan that coordinates the efforts among various organizations, including federal agencies, state agencies, counties, cities, law enforcement agencies, regional transportation agencies, tribal governments, and private stakeholders to reduce traffic accident fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. Federal regulations require each State has a SHSP.

While the SHSP is used as a statewide approach for improving roadway safety, A Local Road Safety Plan can be a means for providing local road owners with an opportunity to identify and implement a plan to address unique highway safety needs in their

jurisdictions while informing and contributing to the success of the SHSP. While the City has completed previous safety reports evaluating high collision locations, a document as extensive as a Local Road Safety Plan has never been developed. The process of preparing an LRSP creates a framework to systematically identify and analyze safety problems and recommend safety improvements. Preparing an LRSP provides the opportunity for the City to identify and develop local agency partnerships and collaboration, resulting in a prioritized list of improvements and actions that can demonstrate a defined need and contribute to the statewide plan. The LRSP offers a proactive approach to addressing safety needs and demonstrates agency responsiveness to safety challenges. The LRSP will also include a framework for stakeholder engagement to identify, analyze, and prioritize roadway safety improvements on local roads.

With the grant funding, DOT will release a request for proposals to select a consultant to prepare the LRSP.

The scope of work for the consultant will include:

- Development of a stakeholder working group;
- Analysis of existing collision, traffic, and roadway data to identify safety area concerns
- Prioritize and address safety area concerns with countermeasures and performance metrics.
- Development of an Implementation Plan

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The proposed action is consistent with Mobility Element Policy 1.30, "Pursue funding opportunities such as grants, impact fees, or fair share contributions from development to implement programs and projects that contribute to the City's Mobility Element objectives"

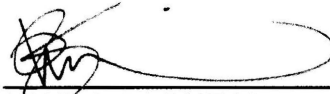
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The recommended action to execute all agreements is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines per Section 15061 (b)(3), the "General Rule" that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This \$72,000 grant award requires a City match of \$13,000. The grant revenue and expenses will be recommended as part of the FY2021 operating budget for the Transportation Department. In addition, any on-going staff costs to maintain the Local Road Safety Plan, after it has been developed will be minimal and part of the operating budget for the Transportation Department. The grant award of \$72,000 will be reflected in the revenue account 10124003-646900-95092 and will be appropriated in the expenditure account 10124003-811400-95092. The funding of \$85,000 (\$72,000 grant award plus \$13,000 local match) will be sufficient to support contractual services for the development of the LRSP and for account staff time to manage the project.

Respectfully submitted,

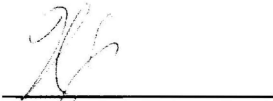


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