

Agenda Report

June 1, 2020

TO:

Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Finance Committee (May 28, 2020)

FROM:

Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 2020 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

PROGRAM BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- Find that the proposed actions are not "projects" as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Section 15378(b)(4) and (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, are not subject to environmental review; and
- 2. Amend the Fiscal Year 2020 Capital Improvement Program Budget as detailed in Attachment A of this report.

BACKGROUND:

Throughout the fiscal year, the Department of Public Works in conjunction with other impacted departments review active Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects to determine if budgetary changes are needed. This report details budgetary changes to the projects as listed below.

- 1. Hamilton Park Various Projects (78069) The Department of Public Works recommends appropriating \$26,950 in Residential Impact Fee to this project so it can be closed. This \$1.3 million project went over budget by 2% during the construction phase due to unanticipated repairs to court light wiring that occurred during the installation of the new tennis court lighting poles and fixtures.
- 2. Installation of Restroom Building at Desiderio Park (78059) The Department of Public Works recommends appropriating \$16,600 in Residential Impact Fee to this project so it can be closed. This \$990,000 project went over budget by 1.7% during the construction phase due to the unanticipated need to replace the park's electrical transformer and install an additional water line backflow device.

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- 3. Annual Citywide Street Resurfacing and ADA Improvement Program FY 2020 (73931) The Department of Public Works recommends appropriating \$100,000 in Water Fund to this project and increase the budget by a like amount. The Water and Power (PWP) Department is completing the installation of distribution mains along Orange Grove Boulevard. In lieu of restoring the pavement over the water mainline trench PWP is appropriating the associated cost savings to this project which will result in improved work efficiencies and a uniform pavement surface across the entire width of the street.
- 4. Hahamongna Master Plan Habitat Restoration (77508) The Department of Public Works recommends appropriating \$15,000 in Residential Impact Fee to this project so it can be closed. This project was completed on budget at \$523,676. However, not all of the administrative expenses were reimbursable through Proposition A grant funds. This appropriation will cover these expenditures and allow this project to be closed.
- 5. Intelligent Transportation System Phase I Traffic Management Center and Transit Vehicle Arrival Information Center and Transit Vehicle Arrival Information System (75701) The Department of Transportation recommends transferring \$548,711 in SAFETEA-LU grant from this project to the Intelligent Transportation System Phase I Parking Guidance (75912) project and \$490,900 in SAFETEA-LU grant from this project to the Intelligent Transportation System Phase I Video Detection System and Fiber Optic Communication (75913) project. This leaves \$760,000 in SAFETEA-LU grant funds on this project. As part of the FY 2020 CIP Budget, this project was separated into three distinct projects. Due to an administrative oversight, the splitting of funds was never officially completed. This transfer will fix the projects budgets and allow the work to continue.
- 6. Power Transmission Program (3190) The Water and Power Department recommends transferring \$700,000 in Power Funds from GT-3 and GT-4 Upgrades and Replacements (3186) to this project, and increasing the budget by a like amount. The operating agent for this capital project is LADWP; Pasadena owns partial equity interest and is periodically invoiced for a shared cost allocation. During the March 11, 2020 Pacific DC Intertie Advisory Committee Meeting, LADWP notified partners of a revision to the estimated cost for the Sylmar AC/DC Filter Replacement project and new projects coming online. This transfer is needed to reimburse work completed on the Sylmar AC/DC Filter Replacement project, and several upgrade and replacement projects at the Sylmar Converter Station. The FY 2020 work plan to Re-Coat the Cooling Tower Basin for GT-3 and GT-4 Upgrades and Replacements (3186) has been delayed due to limited staff and the prioritization of other projects.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

All of the above projects and actions address City Council's goals to maintain fiscal responsibility and stability and improve, maintain, and enhance public facilities and infrastructure.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

CEQA excludes from environmental analysis those actions that are not "projects" as defined by State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378. That section excludes from the definition of "project" the creation of government funding mechanisms and fiscal activities which do not yet commit the lead agency to any specific project, and also excludes organizational or administrative governmental activities that do not result in physical changes to the environment. The actions proposed herein are budgetary and part of the City's normal administrative process as it takes early steps to prepare for the possibility of undertaking a project, and therefore they are not yet "projects" as defined by CEQA. As the City becomes more certain it will undertake one of the projects, and before it commits itself to the project, the appropriate environmental analysis will be conducted and brought to the appropriate City body for approval.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cumulative result of these recommendations will increase the FY 2020 CIP budget by \$158,550. The specific funding sources for the budget amendments are listed on Attachment A.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment A - Changes to FY 2020 CIP