

Agenda Report

January 23, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Finance Committee

FROM: Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE ENERGIIZE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PROJECT GRANT

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).
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute any and all agreements with CALSTART associated with the receipt of \$253,310.96 in reimbursable Energy Infrastructure Incentives for Zero-Emission Commercial Vehicles (EnerglIZE) grant funding for battery-electric bus charging stations and its related infrastructure; and
3. Amend the City's budget to receive and appropriate funds for the EnerglIZE Grant:
 - i. Increase revenue by \$253,310.96 in Fund 209 to receive the EnerglIZE grant funds from CALSTART; and
 - ii. Appropriate \$253,310.96 to Capital Improvement Project 75085 for expenses related to the purchase of battery-electric bus charging stations and related infrastructure.

BACKGROUND:

The Energy Infrastructure Incentives for Zero-Emission Commercial Vehicles (EnerglIZE) grant provides incentives for zero-emission bus infrastructure equipment for medium- and heavy-duty battery-electric buses. Funding for this grant is provided by the California Energy Commission's Clean Transportation program and is administered by CALSTART.

In 2022, CALSTART issued a grant solicitation to competitively award these funds. In October 2022, the City successfully applied to receive grant funding for battery electric bus chargers and related infrastructure in the amount of \$253,310.96. City Council's

authorization will allow the City to receive these funds. Staff will return to the City Council on a separate date to award the contract for the purchase and implementation of charging stations. The funding from this grant is key to enable the City to accelerate the transition to a zero emission fleet.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

By authorizing the receipt of EnergIIZE grant funds, it will advance the City Council's strategic planning goals of maintaining fiscal responsibility, increasing conservation and sustainability, and encouraging non-auto travel.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:


The proposed action has been determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3), the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. No direct physical changes to the environment are proposed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The approval of this action will enable the City to receive \$253,310.96 in EnergIIZE grant funds through CALSTART. The City will commit \$187,576 in Prop C Local Return Funds as the local match, therefore there will be no impact to the General Fund.

- Increase revenue by \$253,310.96 in account 20924044-647100-95096 to receive EnergIIZE grant.
- Appropriate \$253,310.96 to Capital Improvement Project 75085 (Purchase of Replacement Transit Vehicles) for expenses related to the purchase of battery-electric bus charging stations and their related infrastructure.

Respectfully submitted,



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