



Agenda Report

October 27, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Finance Committee

FROM: Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: **ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS) TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDING FOR THE SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT (STPG) PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$442,650 TO DEVELOP THE ROSEBOWL AREA AND BROOKSIDE PARK MULTIMODAL CONNECTIVITY PLAN**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that this action proposed herein is not a "project" subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 21065 and within the meaning of Section 15378(b);
2. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or their designee to execute agreements with Caltrans to receive grant funding for the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant (STPG), and execute any subsequent agreements regarding this grant award; and
3. Amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget to recognize and appropriate \$442,650 in STPG Program grant funds and transfer \$57,350 in local match funds from the FY 2026 Department of Transportation General Fund Operating Budget to the Rose Bowl Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Study project.

BACKGROUND:

In July 2025, the Department of Transportation was awarded \$442,650 in grant funding through the Caltrans STPG Program for the Rose Bowl Area and Brookside Park Multimodal Connectivity Plan. The objective of the Caltrans STPG Program is to fund

local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning projects that further the region's Regional Transportation Plan, Sustainable Communities Strategy/Alternative Planning Strategies, contribute to the State's Greenhouse Gas reduction target, and assist in achieving the Caltrans Missions and Grant Program Objectives.

The Rose Bowl Area and Brookside Park Multimodal Connectivity Plan will create a comprehensive strategy to enhance transit, walking, biking, and vehicle access to the Rose Bowl and Brookside Park area for events and day-to-day community use. The Rose Bowl and Brookside Park are iconic Pasadena destinations that serve as event hubs for everyday recreational activities, large-scale events, and international events. The Rose Bowl Area and Brookside Park Multimodal Connectivity Plan will evaluate and provide recommendations for the following areas: traffic operations, transit service, parking operations, walking and biking access, roadway safety, and transportation demand management strategies. The plan will emphasize equity, and enhancing Northwest Pasadena's access to the Rose Bowl and Brookside Park will be a priority. These goals will be achieved through community outreach and engagement with key stakeholders, throughout all phases of the plan development. This includes employing traditional outreach methods such as organizing workshops, public meetings, and surveys to gather and incorporate community input. Staff also anticipates attending local events, visiting neighborhood hubs, and collaborating with community organizations—to ensure we reach people where they live, work, and gather. The plan, informed by the community, will provide the City with a comprehensive set of strategies and projects to enhance access to the Rose Bowl and Brookside Park.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The Rose Bowl Area and Brookside Park Multimodal Connectivity Plan supports the City's vision of being a more livable and economically strong city where people can circulate without cars. The vision relies upon the integrated and multimodal transportation system that provides choices and accessibility for everyone living and working in the City. This proposed action is consistent with General Plan Mobility Element policies to enhance livability, and encourage walking, biking, transit, and other alternatives to motor vehicles. This program is also consistent with the City's goals to improve, maintain, and enhance public facilities and infrastructure and to improve mobility and accessibility in the City.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

CEQA excludes, from environmental review, actions that are not "projects" as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 21065 and within the meaning of Section 15378(b). Sections 21065 and 15378(b) define a project as an action which may cause either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Section 15378 excludes from the definition of "project" organizational or administrative governmental activities that do not result in physical changes to the environment. The actions proposed herein, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract to receive grant funding, is an organizational or administrative governmental activity that does not result in physical changes to the environment, and therefore is not a

“project” as defined by CEQA. Since the action is not a project subject to CEQA, no environmental document is required.

FISCAL IMPACT:

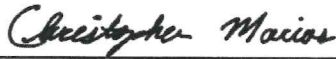
Adoption of this resolution will allow the City to receive \$442,650 in STPG Program grant funds. Approval of this recommendation will amend the FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program Budget by recognizing and appropriating \$442,650 in STPG Program grant funds and transferring \$57,350 in local match funds from the FY 2026 Department of Transportation’s General Fund Operating Budget to the Rose Bowl Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Study Project (75925).

Respectfully submitted,



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