



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

April 4, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: *DWR* Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Phillip L. Harrington, Director, Department of Public Works

Subject: Additional Grant Funds for Hearst Avenue Complete Streets Project

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept grant funds of \$316,000 from the Alameda County Transportation Commission and \$100,000 from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to support completion of the Hearst Avenue Complete Streets Project, and to execute a grant agreement with Alameda County Transportation Commission.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

If accepted, these additional grant funds will replace City funds already identified in the project budget, allowing those funds to be allocated to other capital projects. The required local match of \$11,470 for the federal Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) grant is already available in FY 2017 budget Measure B – Local Street and Road Fund 391-4950-431-65.20 14ST07. Those grant funds will be deposited in Bay Area Air Quality Management Funds 613-4950-331.60-18-14ST07 (\$88,000), and 613-4950-331.60-47-14ST07 (\$228,000) and MTC Fund 614-4950-331.15-02-14ST07 (\$100,000). Funding will be recommended for appropriation as part of the Second Amendment to the FY 2017 Annual Appropriation Ordinance from Bay Area Air Quality Management Fund 613 and MTC Fund 614. Those grant monies will be expended from Funds 613-4950-431.65-20-14ST07 and 614-4950-431.65-20-14ST07.

The ACTC grant agreement has been assigned CMS No. KHE73.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

City Council awarded a construction contract for this project in July 2016. Construction began in November 2016, and staff anticipates completion by September 2017. Prior to the contract award, the lowest bid came in substantially higher than the engineer's estimate, and staff contacted Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) to determine if any grant funds were available to address the shortfall. Although staff later identified sufficient City funds to award the contract, ACTC identified \$316,000 in regional funds and \$100,000 in federal funds (administered by MTC) that could be allocated to the project. MTC does not require a new agreement nor an amendment to the current funding agreement for the additional federal funds. Upon execution of an

agreement with ACTC, the City will be able to incorporate the additional grant funds into the project budget and reallocate City funds to other capital projects in need of funding.

BACKGROUND

In FY 2012 and FY 2013, the City collaborated with the University of California, Berkeley to study the section of Hearst Avenue between Shattuck Avenue and Gayley Road/La Loma Avenue to improve access and safety for all users of the corridor (including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorist, transit riders, and persons with disabilities). Following completion of the study, the City applied for and received an approximately \$2 million dollar One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) to help cover project design and construction completion costs. Final project design took place from late FY 2014 through FY 2016 and incorporated feedback from the community, project stakeholders, and the City's emergency services departments.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Because the Hearst Avenue Complete Streets project is already designed and funded, the additional grant funds do not affect any project sustainability features. However, the additional funds will allow City funds to be reallocated to other capital projects, which will be designed and constructed in accordance with the City's policies regarding sustainable transportation and infrastructure.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Acceptance of additional grant funds will allow City funds to be reallocated to other capital projects in need of funding.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

REVENUE GRANTS: ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE HEARST AVENUE COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) has identified \$316,000 in regional funds and \$100,000 in federal funds administered by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) available for allocation to the Hearst Avenue Complete Streets project, in addition to previously granted funds; and

WHEREAS, the ACTC grant does not require a local match, and the required local match of \$11,470 for the federal MTC grant will be provided from funds already in the project budget; and

WHEREAS, upon execution of an agreement with ACTC, the City will be able to incorporate the additional regional funds into the project budget; and

WHEREAS, MTC does not require any new agreement or amendment to the current funding agreement for the additional federal funds; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of these additional grant funds will allow City funds to be reallocated to other capital projects in need of funding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to enter into a grant funding agreement with the Alameda County Transportation Commission in the amount of \$316,000, and to accept additional funding from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in the amount of \$100,000 pursuant to the existing funding agreement with that agency, for the Hearst Avenue Complete Streets Project. Grant funds will be appropriated from Bay Area Air Quality Management Fund 613 and MTC Fund 614 and will also be deposited as follows: Fund 613, \$316,000; and Fund 614, \$100,000.

