



CITY OF SALINAS

FINANCE COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

DATE: MAY 6, 2025

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

FROM: DAVID JACOBS, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

TITLE: PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES UPDATE

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Receive an update on funding for sidewalks, pavement rehabilitation, and Americans with Disability Act (ADA) ramps projects.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This item provides the Finance Committee with an update of the 2025 transportation projects that are currently in progress – either bidding or in the design process.

Additionally, staff is seeking input on recommended appropriations of an estimated \$13 million in fund balance in Gas Tax (primary state funding for highways and roads), Measure X (funding for roads projects), and SB1 (funding for road maintenance and rehabilitation programs).

BACKGROUND:

Staff is currently working on the 2025 Sidewalk repair project that is scheduled for award on May 13, 2025. This project will replace 8,571 square feet of sidewalk and 1,229 feet of curb and gutter. The project will also install 67 ADA ramps. The project is estimated to cost \$2 million.

Staff is also working on the 2025 pavement project which is currently bidding with an opening date of May 22, 2025. This project is scheduled to remove and replace 250,000 square feet of asphalt. If the project is awarded with the additive alternatives, the CIP (Capital Improvement Project) will require an estimated additional appropriation of \$1 million. This will be brought to City Council for approval at the time of award.

Currently, there is an estimated \$13 million in fund balances in the Gas Tax, Measure X, and SB1 funds. Staff reviewed and assessed critical needs in roadways, pavement rehabilitation, ADA curb ramps, and undergrounding PG&E lines, and recommends funding for those projects identified below. It should be noted that the fund balance reconciliations are still ongoing, therefore the estimated fund balance is subject to change.

Staff recommends \$5.3 million of the fund balance is appropriated as follows:

1. Make the 2025 roadway projects whole:

\$1M for Sidewalks

\$1M for Pavement

\$1M for ADA curb ramps (this is a federal mandate for any pavement treatment that exceeds a slurry or chip seal)

2. Maintain \$2.3M in reserves. This will ensure additional funding is available for future projects.

Staff recommends that City Council consider the below options for appropriating the remaining \$8 million of the fund balance.

1. Option to use remainder of \$8 million to fund a single project
2. Distribute funds between projects
3. A combination thereof

Staff identified the below projects for consideration.

1. Boronda Road Ph 2A & AB - \$4M. Environmental work (CEQA & USACE) has been completed. Use requested funding for environmental mitigation of Ph 2B and design documents for phases 2A and 2B. Remainder of funding would be banked to construct Ph 2A in the near future.
2. Abbott Street - \$10M-\$15M. Pavement rehabilitation. Preliminary pavement testing has been completed. Funding to complete an in-house design and construct the project. Improvements for Abbott St are projected in years 2 and 5 of the 5-year pavement plan. This funding would allow consolidation and greater efficiencies by funding the entirety of the project work limits.
3. Williams Road Undergrounding - \$6.5M. PG&E is currently holding \$3.9M in credits for the City. An additional \$6.5M is needed to make the project whole and allows PG&E to design and construct undergrounding of overhead lines from Alisal St. to Bardin Rd.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15378 and 15061(b)(3).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

This report is consistent with the Council values of Fiscal Responsibility, Service and Responsiveness.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

Public Works, Finance, and the City Manager have worked closely to review project and funding possibilities.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.