



**CITY OF SALINAS
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

DATE: May 2, 2017
DEPARTMENT: Public Works, Traffic and Transportation Division
FROM: James Serrano, Transportation Manager
TITLE: TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT
LOCAL MATCH FUNDING APPROPRIATION

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution authorizing an appropriation transfer to meet Caltrans Grant local match requirements and approve an augmentation of the professional services agreement for Rami + Associates.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending an appropriation transfer of \$33,796 from the City's CIP 9607, Bicycle Lane Installations, to cover the required local match for the Caltrans Transportation Sustainable Communities Planning Grant in the amount of \$260,872. This grant funds the East Alisal Corridor Complete Streets Plan Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Number 9263.

In addition, Staff is recommending that the City Council approve an amendment (increase) to an agreement with Rami + Associates, Master Consultant for the Corridor plan, in the amount of \$5,525.

BACKGROUND:

The City secured a grant from Caltrans to develop a complete streets plan for the East Alisal Corridor between Front Street and Bardin Road. The City Council accepted the the Caltrans Transportation Planning grant at its meeting on August 16, 2016. Subsequently on October 4, 2016, the Council approved a professional services agreement with Rami +Associates, the Master Consultant for the Alisal Vibrancy Plan, to also prepare the East Alisal Corridor Complete Streets Plan. Since then staff has been working with Caltrans to get approval of the project schedule and scope of work and to receive the authorization to proceed with work. Caltrans finally provided the authorization to proceed on February 1, 2017.

DISCUSSION:

A complete streets plan considers all road users in the design of street improvements. This work, focusing on the East Alisal Corridor between Front Street and Bardin Road, is a component of the larger Alisal Vibrancy Plan effort.

The total estimated cost to develop the East Alisal corridor plan is \$294,578 of which the grant will pay \$260,782. Staff recommends funding the remaining \$33,796, the required local match, from CIP 9607, Bicycle Installations. This is an appropriate use of this program's funds. Staff uses program funds to leverage local funds in order to receive grants for the planning, design and construction of bicycle facilities. In order to meet the grant objectives, the East Alisal Complete Streets Plan will need to consider how bicycle travel is addressed. This is consistent with the General Plan's policy for supporting alternative travel modes and the use of funds from the Bicycle Lane program.

Contract Amendment for Rami and Associates

As approved by Council on October 4, 2016, Rami + Associates and their team will be assisting staff in the development of the Corridor Complete Streets Plan. For their work, Rami + Associates will be compensated \$152,300, which is eligible for payment under the Caltrans grant scope and budget. When finalizing the Caltrans grant scope and budget, staff found that certain direct costs (printing costs, travel costs to workshops) eligible for reimbursement were inadvertently excluded from the contract amount. Therefore, staff requests an augmentation of the Rami + Associates October 4, 2016 professional service agreement in an amount of \$5,525 to be paid from the Caltrans grant.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378). In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to activities, which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the proposed action and this matter have no potential to cause any effect on the environment, or because it falls within a category of activities excluded as projects pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, this matter is not a project. Because the matter does not cause a direct or foreseeable indirect physical change on or in the environment, this matter is not a project. Any subsequent discretionary projects resulting from this action will be assessed for CEQA applicability.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The Alisal Vibrancy Plan is a Key objective of the City's Strategic plan under the goal of Economic Diversity and Prosperity.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

There is no direct impact on the General Fund. All funding will come from grant funds and local gas tax (local match). In order to continue with the project, staff recommends an appropriation transfer of \$33,796 from CIP 9607-Bicycle Lane Installations to CIP 9263-East Alisal Corridor Complete Streets Plan to meet the local match requirement of the Caltrans grant.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Copy of Resolution 21021 Accepting Grant

Copy of Resolution 21064 Professional Services Agreement

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (N.C.S.)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION TRANSFER TO MEET CALTRANS GRANT REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AUGMENTATION FOR RAMI AND ASSOCIATES

WHEREAS, the Alisal Vibrancy Plan, including the East Alisal Corridor Complete Streets Plan is an objective of the City's Strategic Plan (December 2016); and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2016 the City accepted a \$260,872 Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant to fund the development of the East Alisal Corridor Complete Streets Plan and said grant requires a local match of \$33,796; and

WHEREAS, the City CIP 9067-Bike Lane Installations has sufficient that may be appropriately used to fund bicycle facilities planning that will be part of the East Alisal Corridor Plan; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2016, the City approved an agreement with Raimi + Associates, lead consultant for the East Alisal Corridor Complete Streets Plan for grant reimbursable work in the amount of \$152,300; and

WHEREAS, an augmentation of the contract is required to include direct costs (\$5,525) eligible for grant expense but not included in the initial agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378). In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to activities, which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the proposed action and this matter have no potential to cause any effect on the environment, or because it falls within a category of activities excluded as projects pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, this matter is not a project. Because the matter does not cause a direct or foreseeable indirect physical change on or in the environment, this matter is not a project. Any subsequent discretionary projects resulting from this action will be assessed for CEQA applicability;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes the appropriation transfer of \$33,796 from CIP 9607-Bike Lane Installations to CIP 9263-East Alisal Corridor Complete Streets Plan to meet the aforementioned Caltrans grant requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the augmentation (increase) of the aforementioned professional services agreement for \$5,525 and authorizes the Public Works Director or his designee to take whatever action is necessary to effectuate this amendment.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of May 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Joe Gunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk