

**REPORT TO THE
CITY COUNCIL**
City of Salinas, California

DATE: July 12, 2016

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Public Works Director

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City Engineer

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SUBJECT: **FREMONT/EL SAUSAL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT NO. 9135**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Adopt a resolution approving plans and specifications for the Fremont/El Sausal Safe Routes to School Project No. 9135; *Via Salinas Valley: Pathways to Health Through Active Transportation* Project No. ATPL-6143(064); and
- 2) Authorize issuance of invitation to bid, with bids to be opened on August 16, 2016.

DISCUSSION:

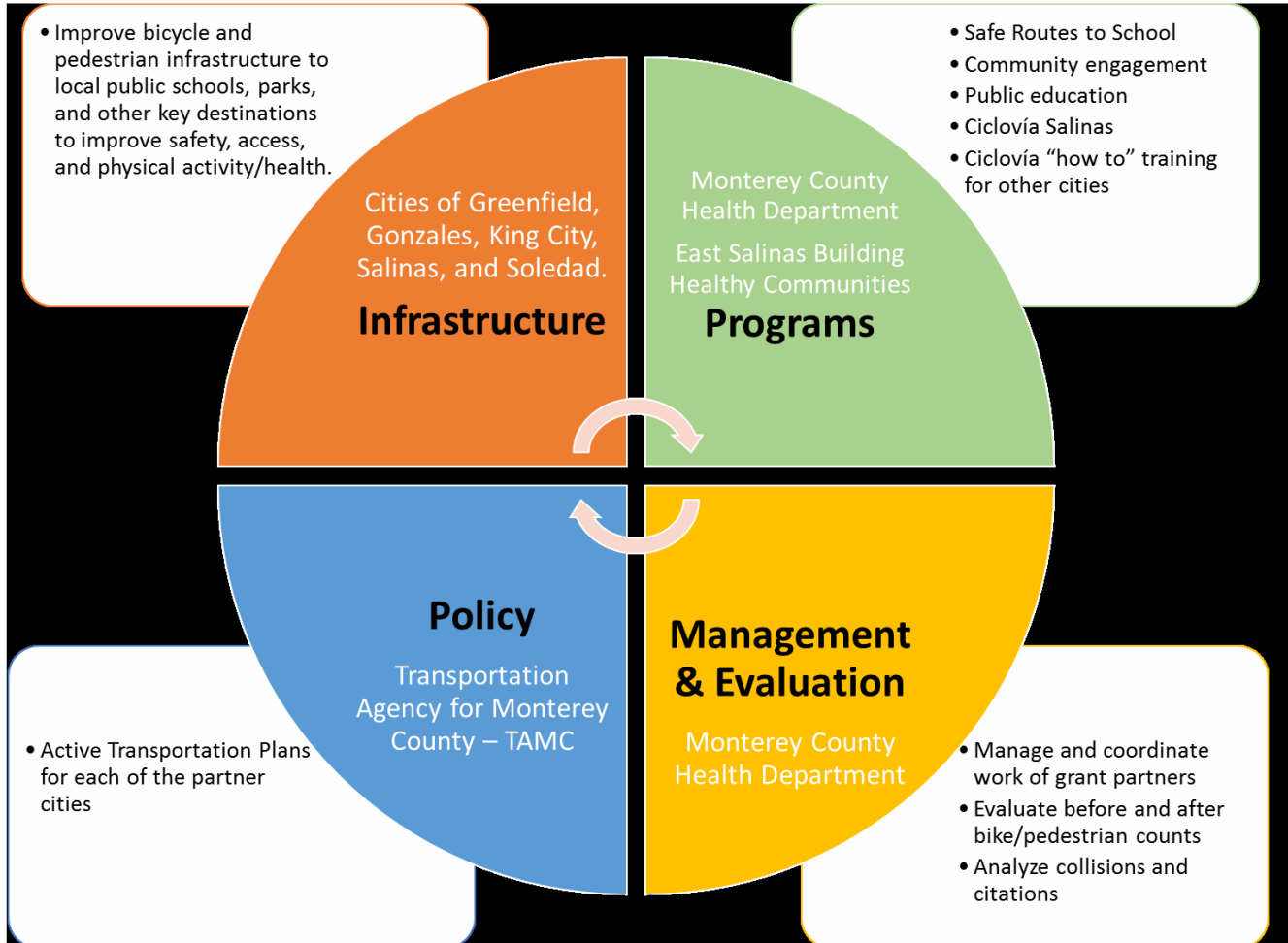
The City received an award of \$1,253,698 in federal Active Transportation Program (ATP)-Cycle 1 funds to implement a road diet on East Market Street between Sanborn Road and Williams Road. The City's project is part of a regional collaborative effort including regional transportation agencies, the health department and other Monterey County Agencies. In April, the California Transportation Commission approved the Construction Phase of the Project including the Salinas project. With the approval, the City of Salinas has been approved to seek bids for its project. Staff is therefore requesting approval of Plans and Specifications and authorize invitation to bids. Background on the grant program and the City's Project follows.

California Active Transportation Program

The ATP promotes the use of active modes of transportation by achieving the following goals: increase the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking; increase safety and mobility for non-motorized users; advance the active transportation efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction, enhance public health, and ensure that disadvantaged communities fully share in the benefits of the program.

Regional Collaboration for Active Transportation

The City of Salinas, the Monterey County Health Department (MCHD) and other local agencies collaborated in developing the *Via Salinas Valley: Pathways to Health through Active Transportation* grant application. This is a regional effort to improve health, access, and safety in Monterey County’s Salinas Valley. The proposed program includes four components (Management and Evaluation, Programs, Infrastructure, and Policy) which are depicted in the figure and narrative text below.



Fremont/El Sausal Safe Route to School Project

The Salinas project supports safe routes to school on East Market Street adjacent to both Fremont Elementary School and El Sausal Junior High School. The improvement will implement a road diet that will reduce the number of vehicle travel lanes from 4-lanes to 2-lanes to create bicycle lanes and improve pedestrian facilities on East Market Street between Sanborn Road and Williams Road. The limits of the improvements are within the Suggested Routes to School for both Fremont Elementary and El Sausal Middle School. Details of the proposed Elementary/El Sausal Middle School SR2S Project are as follows:

- **Road Diet:** Roadway restriping to reduce the number of vehicle travel lanes on East Market from 4 lanes to 2 lanes between Eucalyptus Drive and Midway Avenue

- **Class II and IV Bike Lanes:** Installation of painted bike lanes and separation with vehicle travel lanes on the north and south sides of East Market Street.
- **Intersection Traffic Control Improvements:** The current all way stop intersection at two locations, (1) E. Market & Eucalyptus and (2) E. Market and Towt, will be improved to include traffic signals, high visibility crosswalks, and bulb-outs at each corner of the intersections.
- **Bulb-outs:** The construction of bulb-outs in front of Fremont Elementary school at the intersections of East Market Street/ 2nd Avenue and East Market Street / Quilla Street. Bulb-outs will also be included at the two intersections as noted above.
- **Crosswalks:** This project will install high visibility mid-block crosswalk which provides access across Market Street to Fremont Elementary School.
- **ADA Compliance:** The existing sidewalks throughout the project area will be upgraded with ADA compliant pedestrian access ramps.

ISSUE:

Shall City Council approve project plans and specifications for the Fremont/El Sausal Safe Routes to School Project No. 9135; Via Salinas Valley: Pathways to Health Through Active Transportation Project No. ATPL-6143(064), and authorize issuance of invitation to bid, with bids to be opened on August 16, 2016?

FISCAL IMPACT:

Based on the Engineer’s Estimate, sufficient funds are available to proceed to complete this project (see below).

Funding for this project comes from sources below (CIP 9135);

ATP Grant	\$ 1,253,698
Measure G (FY 16-17)	\$ 200,000
Gas Tax	\$ 35,000
Total Funding for Project	\$ 1,488,698

Below is a summary of the projected costs:

PA & ED	\$ 35,000
Preliminary Engineering	\$ 106,000
Engineer’s Estimate (construction cost)	\$ 1,087,334
Inspection	\$ 100,000
Contingencies	\$ 170,364
Total Estimated Project Costs	\$ 1,488,698

TIME CONSIDERATIONS:

With the approval of plans and specifications, staff can begin the construction phase of the project immediately in order to deliver the safety improvements identified.

ALTERNATIVES/IMPLICATIONS:

Council may elect to postpone the project. This is not recommended as the ATP program enables the City to address a safety and infrastructure improvements.

CITY COUNCIL GOALS:

This project supports the following Council indicatives:

- Safe, Livable Community
- Excellent Infrastructure

CONCLUSIONS:

At its meeting on July 12, 2016, the City Council is requested to adopt a resolution approving plans and specifications for the Fremont/El Sausal Safe Routes to School Project No. 9135; Via Salinas Valley: Pathways to Health Through Active Transportation Project No. ATPL-6143(064), and authorize issuance of invitation to bid, with bids to be opened on August 16, 2016.

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

**A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND DIRECTING
NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR THE
FREMONT/EL SAUSAL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT NO. 9135;
VIA SALINAS VALLEY: PATHWAYS TO HEALTH THROUGH ACTIVE
TRANSPORTATION PROJECT NO. ATPL-6143(064)**

WHEREAS, the Salinas City Council hereby finds and determines that public convenience and necessity require the construction of the Fremont/El Sausal Safe Routes to School Project No. 9135; Via Salinas Valley: Pathways to Health Through Active Transportation Project No. ATPL-6143(064); and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on October 21, 2014, the City Council approved and accepted \$1,292,722 an ATP grant for the design and construction of the Fremont Elementary/El Sausal Middle School Safe Routes to School project; and

WHEREAS, Gas Tax was allocated for a total of \$35,000 to the subject project to support and expedite the Preliminary Design and Environmental Documents; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the certain document entitled Fremont/El Sausal Safe Routes to School Project No. 9135; Via Salinas Valley: Pathways to Health Through Active Transportation Project No. ATPL-6143(064) filed in the office of the City Clerk of Salinas on July 14, 2016, is hereby accepted as the plans and specifications for said work, and said plans and specifications are hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that bids for said work shall be received at the office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas, California, until two o'clock p.m. on Tuesday the 16th day of August 2016 and that a public meeting shall be held in the West Wing Conference Room, Salinas, California, on the 16th day of August 2016, at the hour of two o'clock p.m. of said day at which time and place all of said bids for proposals shall be publicly opened, examined, and declared by said City Clerk, or his/her designee, who shall thereupon report the results of the bidding to the Council of Salinas at a regular meeting of said Council after the opening of the bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Engineer is authorized to extend, revise, or set the bid opening date through an addendum as necessary to meet the required bidding schedule; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice to bidders inviting sealed proposals for said work for one time in The Salinas Californian, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Salinas, California, which notice shall set forth the time and place, when and where bids shall be received, opened and read, and shall further refer to the aforesaid plans and specifications on file in the office of said City Clerk for the contents thereof. It is not required that any other matters be set forth in said published notice to bidders. Said publication shall be completed at least 10 calendar days before the 16th day of August 2016. No other notice shall be required.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of July 2016, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Joe Gunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk