



## **CITY OF SALINAS**

### **TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** JANUARY 9, 2020

**DEPARTMENT:** PUBLIC WORKS, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

**FROM:** ANDREW EASTERLING, TRAFFIC ENGINEER

**TITLE:** EAST ROSSI STREET SAFE STREETS PILOT PROJECT GRANT

#### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Recommend to the City Council the acceptance of grant funds for the East Rossi Street Safe Streets Pilot Project.

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Public works staff recommends that the Traffic and Transportation Commission recommend to the City Council the acceptance of grant funds for the East Rossi Street Safe Streets Pilot Project.

#### BACKGROUND:

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) initiated a new Safe Streets Pilot Program in November 2019. The Safe Streets Pilot Program aimed to utilize planned roadway maintenance projects, such as repaving, to demonstrate low-cost features to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety. Funding for the Safe Streets Pilot comes from the Regional Surface Transportation Program funds that TAMC sets aside for Complete Streets implementation.

The City staff evaluated resurfacing project planned for 2020 and with TAMC recommendations selected East Rossi Street as the optimal candidate to apply for these funds. East Rossi Street has a recent history of both bicycle and pedestrian collisions, particularly at the intersection of East Rossi Street and Sherwood Drive. Additionally, the installation of new bikes lanes and pedestrian improvements of East Rossi Street are a strategic goal identified in the Chinatown Revitalization Plan. A concept plan was developed to install buffered bike lanes, signal modifications, and improved roadway geometry (Attachment 1). The concept plan was submitted for grant funding by TAMC and was selected for award on December 4, 2019 (Attachment 2). With the acceptance of the Safe Streets Pilot Program Grant the City will commit to delivering specific bicycle and pedestrian improvements on East Rossi Street and will receive \$152,000 with no local match. Staff recommends that the Traffic and Transportation Commission recommend that the City accept TAMC grant funds for the East Rossi Street Safe Streets Pilot Project.

**CEQA CONSIDERATION:**

Installation of new signage and pavement markings on a City street is exempt under CEQA 15301, Class 1(c) since the actions consists of operation and minor alteration of an existing City street.

**STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:**

This action supports the Council's initiative of Safe, Livable Community by removing the uncontrolled marked crosswalk at said locations. Additionally, the installation of new bikes lanes and pedestrian improvements of East Rossi Street are a strategic goal identified in the Chinatown Revitalization Plan.

**FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:**

The total estimated cost to install the bicycle and pedestrian improvements is \$152,000. Acceptance of grant funding will fully fund the improvements with no local match.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: East Rossi Street Conceptual Plan

Attachment 2: Safe Streets Pilot Program Funding Award Letter

Attachment 3: Chinatown Revitalization Plan