



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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TITLE: EAST ROSSI STREET SAFE STREETS PILOT PROGRAM GRANT

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution accepting grant funds for the East Rossi Street Safe Streets Pilot Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a Resolution accepting grant funds for the East Rossi Street Safe Streets Pilot Program.

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. 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 2). The concept plan was submitted for grant funding by TAMC and was selected for award on December 4, 2019 (Attachment 3). 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 Council accept TAMC grant funds for the East Rossi Street Safe Streets Pilot Project.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION:

At its January 9, 2020 meeting, the Traffic and Transportation Commission voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend to Council to approve a Resolution adopting accepting grant funds for the East Rossi Street Safe Streets Pilot Program.

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.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Community Development Department developed the Chinatown Revitalization Plan. The Public Works department secured grant funding for the project and will be responsible for constructing and maintaining the project. Grant Reimbursement claims will be coordinated with the Finance Department.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

There is no impact to the General Fund. 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. Eligible expenses related to the project will be reimbursed to the City by TAMC grant funds.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution

Attachment 2: East Rossi Street Conceptual Plan

Attachment 3: Safe Streets Pilot Program Funding Award Letter