



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS

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TITLE: SB 1 ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT – FY 2021/22 PROJECTS

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a resolution regarding the local street maintenance and rehabilitation projects proposed to be partially or fully funded by California Senate Bill 1 in Fiscal Year 2021/22.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a Resolution to approve the local street maintenance and rehabilitation projects proposed to be partially or fully funded by California Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, in Fiscal Year 2021/22.

BACKGROUND:

SB 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 was passed by the California Legislature and signed into law by the Governor in April 2017 to address the significant multi-modal transportation funding shortfalls statewide. Annually, \$500 to \$650 million will go to cities statewide, allocated on a per capita basis. A vast majority of the new revenues for cities will come out of the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) where cities would have to prioritize fixing their existing infrastructure first before having some additional flexibility for those funds for other transportation needs. SB 1 will provide Salinas an estimated \$3.0 M in RMRA funding in FY 2021/22. In the current fiscal year, staff is utilizing the City's \$3.7 million SB1 balance on the city wide striping and signing projects; design and maintenance of traffic signal and design of a \$4M Chip Seal project to go out to construction early next year.

In order to received SB1 funds next fiscal year, the City must submit a road maintenance and rehabilitation project list to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) by July 1, 2021. The City's proposed list was developed through a combination of the Pavement Management System

(PMS)¹ findings, direct community feedback to Council members and staff, feedback by the community at public meetings, and transportation infrastructure assessments by City engineering and maintenance staff. The street list is included in the attached Resolution. Staff developed a longer list to enable flexibility in prioritizing projects and in the utilization of the City's varied funding sources for FY 2021/22, such as SB 1, Measure X and Gas Tax.

The City may elect to reprioritize its project list at any time. Formal notification to the CTC of any changes to the list is not required. However, the Project Expenditure Report submitted to the CTC each year in December will provide an opportunity for the City to communicate such changes to the CTC as part of the regular reporting process and transparency.

The City's current PMS estimates a \$169 million backlog of deferred maintenance. Although the funding provided by SB 1 and the other funding sources is nowhere near the amount needed, it will help the City address immediate maintenance needs annually by our maintenance staff and protect the some of the roads in good and fair condition through our annual rehabilitation program. The approach at this time is preventive maintenance, which will help make our transportation infrastructure safer, smoother and more sustainable in the long term.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. 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).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The staff recommendation supports the Council goals of investment Strategies/ Risk Management. Performing the annual Pavement maintenance and rehabilitation program is an investment in the existing infrastructure.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION

The Public Works and Finance Departments work very closely in tracking SB 1 allocations, budgeting the funds appropriately, and adhering to the reporting requirements of the CTC.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Thanks to SB 1, the City will receive nearly \$3.0 million in 2021/22, and annually in years thereafter to fund the City's maintenance and rehabilitation program on our road network.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

¹ PMS is an industry practice of defined procedures for collecting, analyzing, maintaining, and reporting pavement condition data, to assist decision makers in developing cost-effective strategies for sustainably maintaining roads. Its findings were presented to the City Council on March 16, 2021. An update evaluation of City streets will occur in December 2021.