



MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Brian Pedrotti, Community Development Director

BY: Robin S. Dickerson, City Engineer

SUBJECT: Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Community Development Director to Submit an Application for the ATP Cycle 6 Grant and Execute any Agreements for the Use of Grant Funds for Implementation of the Halcyon Road Complete Streets Plan

DATE: May 24, 2022

SUMMARY OF ACTION:

Authorizing the submittal of a grant application may result in grant funding being made available for implementation of the Halcyon Road Complete Streets Plan, which is in the final stages of completion and approval.

IMPACT ON FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL RESOURCES:

Staff resources will be necessary for administration should a grant application be successful. Potential grant funds could be between \$6,000,000 and \$8,000,000, if successful.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Community Development Director to apply for the Active Transportation Program Cycle 6 Grant and execute any agreements necessary for the use of grant funds as approved in the future Council-approved CIP budget in effect at the time the agreements are signed.

BACKGROUND:

On September 26, 2013, Governor Brown signed legislation creating the Active Transportation Program (ATP). The ATP consolidates existing federal and State transportation programs, including the Transportation Alternatives Program, Bicycle Transportation Account, and State Safe Routes to School, into a single program with a focus to make California a national leader in active transportation. The purpose of ATP is to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation by achieving several goals, including:

1. Increase the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking;

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2. Increase safety and mobility for non-motorized users;
3. Advance the active transportation efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals;
4. Enhance public health;
5. Ensure that disadvantaged communities fully share in the benefits of the program; and
6. Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.

The ATP is now in its sixth cycle, with applications due June 15, 2022.

In 2015, the City received a Sustainable Transportation Planning (STP) Grant for development of the Halcyon Road Complete Streets Plan (the “Plan”), which proposes multimodal transportation enhancements so that all travel modes are accommodated, and will promote safe and convenient walking and bicycling for residents and visitors alike. The Community Development Department has been working to develop the Plan since receiving the STP Grant. Over the next year staff will re-engage the stakeholders group, provide additional public outreach, complete a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) pursuant to CEQA, and include a Council study session on the proposed improvements for Halcyon Road from El Camino Real to the Pike. This effort will include two options for improvements to the intersection of Halcyon and Fair Oaks. The final documents will be presented to the Planning Commission with a recommendation for Council, prior to the public hearing and adoption of the final plan and MND by the Council.

ANALYSIS OF ISSUES:

The ATP grant application is an opportunity to receive funding to implement the multimodal enhancements identified for Halcyon Road. These enhancements were developed based on existing and projected future conditions and through an extensive public outreach effort, which included multiple charrettes where community members interactively voted on priorities and features. It is anticipated that the plan will move forward to Council with two (2) alternatives. The two alternatives will focus on potential improvements to the Halcyon/Fair Oaks intersection. The ATP grant would be utilized to implement the alternative selected when the Plan is adopted by the Council. The ATP has different levels of project funding and it is anticipated that, should the City’s application be successful, resulting funding for implementation of the Plan could total between \$6,000,000 and \$8,000,000. The Grant award is scheduled for spring of 2023, and funds should be available in fall of 2023 with construction completed by fall of 2027. This schedule will be compatible with the planned public outreach, stakeholders’ groups and Council study session in the fall of 2022, the adoption of the plan and MND in summer of 2023, the design of the plan completed by fall of 2024 and construction taking place in FY 2025/26 and FY 2026/27.

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In addition to the ATP grant application, on May 6, 2022, the City submitted an application to SLOCOG for a Community Betterment Grant in the amount of \$749,400 to construct a portion of the improvements identified in the Halcyon Complete Streets Plan from The Pike north to Fair Oaks along S. Halcyon Road, including reducing travel lanes down to one lane in each direction, adding pedestrian and Class II buffered bicycle facilities from Fair Oaks to the Pike, replacement of non-compliant ADA ramps, and the addition of two crosswalks with rapid-flashing beacons. Depending on the potential for an award of this grant, the request for this ATP grant may be refined accordingly to help fund as much of the overall Plan as possible.

ALTERNATIVES:

The following alternatives are provided for the Council's consideration:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the Community Development Director to apply for ATP Cycle 6 Grant funding and execute any agreements necessary for the use of grant funds as approved in the future Council approved CIP budget in effect at the time the agreements are signed;
2. Modify and adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the Community Development Director to apply for ATP Cycle 6 Grant funding and execute any agreements necessary for the use of grant funds; or
3. Provide direction to staff.

ADVANTAGES:

Submittal of the grant application could result in the awarding of funds to implement the final Halcyon Road Complete Streets Plan, which was developed utilizing other grant funds and will be instrumental in addressing deficiencies on Halcyon Road, including vehicle speeds, congestion, bicycle facilities, and lack of pedestrian access.

DISADVANTAGES:

If the grant is approved, considerable staff time will be necessary to administer the grant. However, if no application is made, or the grant is not awarded, the Halcyon Road Complete Streets Plan will not be able to be implemented on a large scale in the foreseeable future until other funding is identified.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Environmental review is not required for submittal of grant applications.

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The Agenda was posted at City Hall and on the City's website in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2.

Attachments:

1. Proposed Resolution