



DATE: October 19, 2021

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Execute a Funding Agreement with Caltrans for the Local Road Safety Plan Funding Program

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts a resolution (Attachment II) accepting and executing a funding agreement with Caltrans in the amount of \$90,000 for the development of the City's Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) Project, No. 05738.

SUMMARY

Staff applied for and was successfully awarded a grant to fund the development of a citywide Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP). Through the LRSP, the City would align with the strategic vision of the State of California to have a safe transportation system for all users. The City's LRSP would guide the City to a data-driven approach for achieving safer streets. It would identify stakeholders, use data to identify safety issues, choose proven solutions, identify the implementation process, and support future safety investments. Starting in April 2022, local agencies will be required to have an LRSP to receive Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding.

The grant awarded by Caltrans will cover up to 90% of the project costs. The City will match 10% of the funds utilizing the Transportation Improvement Fund (Fund 460) in the amount of \$10,000. The final contract and funding agreement are being prepared by Caltrans and are not finalized yet. Both documents are drafted from standard language that the City has seen before on other grant awards. Staff and the City Attorney will review both document when received from Caltrans. Upon execution of the funding agreement, staff will request proposals from consultants for plan development service.

BACKGROUND

Federal regulations require each State to have a Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). A SHSP is a statewide data-driven traffic safety plan that coordinates the efforts of a wide range of organizations to reduce traffic accident fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. In coordination with federal, state, local and private sector safety stakeholders, the

SHSP establishes goals, objectives, and emphasis (or challenge) areas. The SHSP addresses the 4Es of traffic safety: Engineering, Enforcement, Education, and Emergency Response.

While the SHSP is used as a statewide approach for improving roadway safety, a LRSP can be a means for providing local and rural road owners with an opportunity to address unique safety needs in their jurisdictions at the same time contributing to the success of the SHSP. The process of preparing a LRSP creates a framework to systematically identify and analyze safety problems and recommend safety improvements. Preparing a LRSP facilitates the development of local agency partnerships and collaboration, resulting in a prioritized list of improvements and actions that can demonstrate a defined need and contribute to the statewide plan. The LRSP offers a proactive approach to addressing safety needs and demonstrates agency responsiveness to safety challenges.

A LRSP provides a framework for organizing stakeholders to identify, analyze, and prioritize roadway safety improvements on local and rural roads. The process of developing a LRSP can be tailored to local protocols, needs, and issues.

DISCUSSION

The Hayward 2040 General Plan addresses seven mandatory elements, which includes Community Safety and Mobility. This can be achieved by ensuring a safe and sustainable transportation system for all motorized and non-motorized users on all public streets in the City.

The City of Hayward adopted the Complete Streets goal to provide complete streets that balance the diverse needs of users of the public right-of-way. To balance the needs of the users, staff proposes to develop a citywide LRSP, which would provide a framework for organizing stakeholders to identify, analyze, and prioritize roadway safety improvements on local roads.

Through the LRSP, the City would align with the strategic vision of California to have a safe transportation system for all users. The City's LRSP would guide the City to a data-driven approach for achieving safer streets. It would identify stakeholders, use safety data to identify safety issues, choose proven solutions, identify the implementation process, and support future safety investments.

Staff is committed to improving transportation safety and reducing the risk of fatality and injury from incidents throughout the City. As such, after consultation with the City's Grant Committee, staff applied to the 2021 LRSP Grant Program administered through Caltrans' Division of Local Assistance. This project serves as a critical step in the effort to provide safer streets for our community and to secure future funding from Caltrans. Starting in April 2022, local agencies will be required to have a LRSP to receive HSIP funding.

Staff compiled all the necessary documentation required for the application and was approved to submit by the City's Grant Committee on March 17, 2021. Staff submitted the application for the grant program on March 19, 2021 and was notified of the award by Caltrans on August 10, 2021.

The final contract and funding agreement are being prepared by Caltrans and are not finalized yet. Both documents are drafted from standard language that the City has seen before on other grant awards. Staff and the City Attorney will thoroughly review both documents when received from Caltrans. Upon execution of the funding agreement, staff will request proposals from consultants for plan development services.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

The development of the LRSP will provide a prioritized list of safety improvements and actions that demonstrate a defined need. This will directly lead to more successful funding awards from state and federal grant programs. Starting with Cycle 11 in April 2022 and moving forward, local agencies will be required to have a LRSP to receive HSIP funding.

Providing safer streets and prioritizing improvements for active transportation options like bicycling and walking foster economic health by creating dynamic, connected communities with a high quality of life that helps support small business development, decreases transportation and healthcare costs and increases property values, employment, and tourism.

Providing safer facilities for alternate modes of travel reduces single lane occupancy vehicles, reduces congestion and costs related to automobile-oriented infrastructure maintenance and construction. The overall transportation system will be more efficient; thus, reducing travel time. Moreover, the City will become a more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly community, thus creating positive economic and health benefits and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated project costs are as follows:

Grant Funding	\$90,000
10% Matching Funds Provided by City of Hayward's Transportation Improvement Fund (Fund 460)	\$10,000
Total Construction Cost	\$100,000

The LRSP grant from Caltrans will cover 90% of the project costs and will reimburse the Transportation Improvement Fund (Fund 460). The grant awarded by Caltrans will cover up to 90% of the project costs. The City will match 10% of the funds utilizing the Transportation Improvement Fund (Fund 460) in the amount of \$10,000.

STRATEGIC ROADMAP

This agenda item supports the Strategic Priority of Preserve, Improve Infrastructure. Specifically, this item relates to the implementation of the following project(s):

Project 2, Part 2c. Complete Tennyson Road Feasibility Study

- Project 2, Part 2e. D Street Traffic Calming Plan Feasibility Study
- Project 4, all Parts Increase transit options, and ridership
- Project 6, all Parts Develop a micro-mobility policy (eBikes, eScooters)
- Project 8, all Parts Implement the Bike & Ped Master Plan

SUSTAINABILITY FEATURES

The action taken for this agenda report will result in supporting mobility goals established as part of the City’s 2040 General Plan, providing for a balanced multi-modal system of transportation facilities and services in the City.

The LRSP will create a framework to systematically identify and analyze safety problems and recommend safety improvements. Preparing the LRSP will facilitate the development of local agency partnerships and collaboration, resulting in a prioritized list of improvements and actions that can demonstrate a defined need and contribute to the statewide plan. The LRSP offers a proactive approach to addressing safety needs and demonstrates agency responsiveness to safety challenges.

PUBLIC CONTACT

No public contact has been made related to this agenda item. If Council approves this request, staff will begin plan development, which will include public outreach meetings.

NEXT STEPS

If Council approves this request, the City Manager will execute the funding agreement and staff will begin the project. Initial plan development steps will be presented to the Council Infrastructure Committee (CIC) in January 2022.

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