



DATE: June 13, 2017

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Director of Public Works

SUBJECT Transportation Development Act Article 3 Funds FY 2018: Wheelchair Ramps – Authorization to File Application

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the attached resolution (Attachment II):

- 1) Authorizing the filing of an application with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 funding in FY 2018 to construct wheelchair ramps at various locations in the City; and
- 2) Authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement with MTC once funding is approved.

BACKGROUND

Each year, TDA funds are made available to the cities in Alameda County for construction of bicycle paths, sidewalks, wheelchair ramps, and other pedestrian facilities. One of the conditions for MTC's approval of TDA funding is the submittal of a resolution by the governing body of the City authorizing the filing of an application for funds.

DISCUSSION

Consistent with past City practice and Council direction, staff plans to apply to MTC for the construction of wheelchair ramps at various locations for FY 2018 (see Attachment II-a). Various ramp locations were selected in accordance with the Curb Ramp Guidelines established in the City's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan. With these additional funds for FY 2018, the City can continue to upgrade existing accessible ramps to current standards or install new ramps at all the intersections in specific neighborhoods due to the success of the program in prior years. The proposed wheelchair ramp installations are in the Tennyson Road South and Winton Grove Thelma neighborhoods as shown in Attachment III. Fifty-five ramps will be installed to the latest ADA standards. For cost effectiveness, these ramp locations were chosen for their proximity to each other. Alameda County has provided a preliminary estimate of \$149,920 available in TDA Article 3 funds for the City of Hayward to construct the project. The TDA funds will be approved by MTC upon receipt of the City's final project application. The application materials were

submitted in May 2017 to the Alameda County Public Works Agency and the Alameda County Transportation Commission. The County Board of Supervisors is expected to review and approve all applications on June 23, 2017 and will submit the approved applications to MTC. Action by MTC is expected in August 2017, and the funds are anticipated to be available this fall.

FISCAL IMPACT

In the past, the City has supplemented TDA funds with Gas Tax funds, when needed; however, no match is required for this application. Thus, there is no impact to the City's General Fund or other funds.

SUSTAINABILITY FEATURES

Curb ramps will provide pedestrians (wheelchair users, users with baby strollers, etc.) convenient and safe access, thereby encouraging active modes of transportation and reducing vehicular trips and greenhouse gas emissions.

All material generated during demolition and construction will be sent to designated facilities for recycling. Recycled Portland Cement Concrete is specified for use as an aggregate base for any new concrete curb, gutter, ramps and sidewalk.

COMPLETE STREETS

This project is consistent with the City's Adopted Complete Streets Policy of providing safe and convenient access to all users of transportation facilities, in this case pedestrians and users with special needs.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Past installation of the ramps has been very well received by the public. The accessible ramp process stems from ongoing requests from the public to improve access to sidewalks for pedestrians with special needs.

Construction of accessible ramps will coincide with the City's sidewalk repair and rehabilitation projects scheduled for 2018. When a construction schedule is determined, property owners in the affected neighborhoods will be appropriately notified of the project schedule.

NEXT STEPS

Upon approval of the TDA funding and execution of the agreement with MTC, construction plans and specifications will be prepared for City Council's authorization to advertise for bids.

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