



DATE: May 14, 2019

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Transportation Development Act Article 3 Funds FY 2018/2019 and FY 2019/2020 – Authorization for the City Manager to Submit Application to Secure Funding for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliant Accessible Curb Ramps

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 2018/2019 and FY 2019/2020, to construct Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant accessible curb ramps at various locations in the City; and
- 2) Authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement with MTC once funding is approved.

SUMMARY

Each year, TDA funds are made available to cities in Alameda County for transit improvements or for the construction of bicycle paths, sidewalks, accessible curb 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. Alameda County has provided a preliminary estimate of \$149,920 for FY 2018/2019 and \$168,064 for FY 2019/2020 available in TDA Article 3 funds for the City.

BACKGROUND

The Transportation Development Act, or TDA, is a state law that allows each county to establish a quarter-cent sales tax to finance transportation projects, such as improvements to transit, and pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Every year, MTC, who is responsible for allocating and distributing TDA funds, prepares a Fund Estimate to estimate how much funding will be available through the program. In past funding cycles, Hayward has utilized these funds solely for the installation of curb ramps.

DISCUSSION

Consistent with past City practice and Council direction, staff plans to apply to MTC for the construction of ADA compliant accessible curb ramps at various locations for FY 2018/2019 and FY 2019/2020. Various curb 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 2018/2019 and FY 2019/2020, the City can continue to upgrade existing curb ramps to current ADA standards or install new accessible curb ramps. The proposed accessible curb ramp installations are located citywide at various intersections, refer to Attachment V for specific locations. Sixty-six curb ramps will be installed to the latest ADA standards.

Alameda County has provided a preliminary estimate of \$149,920 for FY 2018/2019 and \$168,064 for FY 2019/2020 available in TDA Article 3 funds for the City of Hayward to construct the projects. The TDA funds will be approved by MTC upon receipt of the City's final project application. The application materials will be submitted no later than May 31, 2019 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 25, 2019 and submit the approved applications to MTC. Action by MTC is expected in August 2019, and the funds are anticipated to be available this fall. Funds for FY 2018/2019 expire June 2021 and funds for FY 2019/2020 expire 2022.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

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. ADA compliant accessible curb ramps provide seniors and pedestrians with disabilities an option to utilize Hayward streets independently, offering an alternative that reduces single lane occupancy vehicles and reduces congestion and costs related to automobile-oriented infrastructure maintenance and construction. It also makes the overall transportation system more efficient.

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.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

This agenda item supports the Complete Streets Strategic Initiative. The purpose of the Complete Streets initiative is to build streets that are safe, comfortable, and convenient travel for everyone, regardless of age or ability, including motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transportation riders. This item supports the following goal and objective:

Goal 2: Balance the diverse needs of users of the public right-of-way

Objective 1: Increase walking, biking, transit usage, carpooling, and other sustainable modes of transportation by designing and retrofitting streets to accommodate all modes

SUSTAINABILITY FEATURES

ADA compliant accessible curb ramps provide pedestrians convenient and safe access to sidewalks, street crossings, and other pedestrian facilities within the public right-of-way. ADA compliant pedestrian facilities promote walking as an alternative mode of transportation. This would result in a reduction in vehicular trips and greenhouse gas emissions while also improving public health.

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.

PUBLIC CONTACT

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

Construction of accessible curb ramps will coincide with the City's sidewalk repair and rehabilitation projects scheduled for 2020 and 2021. 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.

The anticipated project schedule is:

Request for Bids	September 2019
Award	November 2019
Construction Start	January 2020
Construction Completion	May 2020

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