



DATE: May 15, 2018

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Interim Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Transportation Development Act, Article 3 Funds: FY 2019: Wheelchair Ramps
Approval to File Application and Authorization for City Manager to Execute a
Professional Services Agreement with Metropolitan Transportation Commission

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the attached resolution:

- 1) Authorizing the filing of an application with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 funding in FY 2019 to construct wheelchair ramps at various locations in the City; and
- 2) Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with MTC once funding is approved.

SUMMARY

Consistent with past City practice and Council direction, staff requests authorization to apply to the MTC for funding in the amount of \$158,769 to construct wheelchair ramps in FY 2019 at various locations in the Calaroga and Santa Clara neighborhoods.

BACKGROUND

Each year, TDA funds are made available to the cities in Alameda County for construction projects including: bicycle paths; sidewalks; wheelchair ramps; and other bicycle and 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

With additional TDA funds for FY 2019, the City can continue to upgrade existing accessible ramps to current standards or install new ramps at all the intersections in specific neighborhoods to build on the success of the program in prior years. A total of 68 ramp locations were selected in accordance with the Curb Ramp Guidelines established in the City's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan. The proposed wheelchair ramp installations are in the Calaroga and Santa Clara neighborhoods. For cost

effectiveness, the ramp locations were chosen for their proximity to each other.

Alameda County provided a preliminary estimate of \$158,769 available in TDA Article 3 funds for the City to construct the project. The TDA funds will be approved by MTC upon receipt of the City's final project application. The Alameda County Board of Supervisors is expected to review and approve all applications on June 26, 2018, and will submit the approved applications to MTC. Action by MTC is expected in August 2018, and the funds are anticipated to be available this fall.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

The entire amount of \$158,769 is fully reimbursed to the City by Alameda County, without any matching contribution requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT

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

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

This agenda item supports the Complete Streets Strategic Initiative. The purpose of the Complete Streets Strategic Initiative is to build streets that are safe, comfortable, and convenient for 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 1: Maintaining sufficient funding to provide for existing and future transportation facility and service needs.

Objective 2: Establish a sustainable funding mechanism and dedicated funding source to build a complete streets network.

SUSTAINABILITY FEATURES

Curb ramps will provide pedestrians convenient and safe access, thereby encouraging active modes of transportation while 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.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Past installation of the ramps was 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 2019. 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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