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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Director of Public Works

SUBJECT

Transportation Development Act Article 3 Funds FY 2017: Wheelchair Ramps - Authorization to File Application

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the attached resolution authorizing filing of an application with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 funding in FY 2017 to construct wheelchair ramps at various locations in the Tennyson Road South and Winton Grove Thelma neighborhoods.

BACKGROUND

TDA funds are made available to the cities in Alameda County for the construction of bicycle paths, wheelchair ramps, and other pedestrian facilities. One of the conditions for MTC's approval of TDA funding is the submittal of a resolution and City of Hayward statement (see Attachment I and I-b) 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 submit an application to MTC for construction of wheelchair ramps in the Tennyson Road South and Winton Grove Thelma neighborhoods for FY 2017 (Attachment I-a). The various ramp locations were selected in accordance with the Curb Ramp Guidelines established by Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan.

The City is now able to begin upgrading existing accessible ramps to current standards or installing 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 II. A total of fifty ramps are proposed to be upgraded and/or installed to the latest ADA standards.

Alameda County has provided a preliminary estimate of \$142,491 available in TDA Article 3 funds for the City of Hayward. The application material was submitted on June 2, 2016 to the Alameda County Public Works Agency. The County Board of Supervisors anticipates approval of all of the applications by June 28, 2016 and will submit the approved applications to MTC. The TDA funds will be approved by MTC upon receipt of the City's final project application. Action by MTC is expected in August 2016, 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.

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 to be scheduled for 2017. When a construction schedule is determined, property owners in the affected neighborhoods will be appropriately notified of the project schedule.

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Attachments:

Attachment I Attachment I-a Attachment I-b Attachment II Resolution TDA Article 3 Project Application Form City of Hayward Statement Project Location Map