



DATE: May 15, 2018

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Public Works

TITLE: **Fiscal Year 2018-19 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Funding – Recommended Project**

RECOMMENDATION

1. Adopt a Resolution to Request the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the Allocation of Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle Project Funding, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the Council report).
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute all documents and agreements, and take all necessary actions related to the acceptance of Fiscal Year 2018-19 Transportation Development Act Article 3 funding.

BACKGROUND

Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 is a State program that provides funding for pedestrian and bicycle projects. These guaranteed funds (one-quarter cent of the general Statewide sales tax) are distributed annually to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the regional transportation planning agency for the Bay Area, to allocate to local agencies on a per-capita basis. In Santa Clara County, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is responsible for submitting a coordinated Countywide claim to MTC for each city and the County.

The amount of annual TDA funding received by the City has ranged from \$30,000 to \$90,000 in recent years, depending on the total sales tax revenues to be distributed. The City has used past TDA grant funds for a variety of pedestrian and bicycle projects, including: improvements to sidewalks, curb ramps, and intersections; audible and countdown pedestrian signals; bike maps; bike racks; and education programs.

According to VTA guidelines, the City may bank up to five years of annual TDA Article 3 allocations. The City banked the last three years of allocations and with the addition of Fiscal Year 2018-19's allocation, the City has accumulated \$249,970 in TDA 3 funding.

This funding may be banked for one more year or allocated to projects in Fiscal Year 2018-19.

For the City of Mountain View to receive TDA funds, the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (B/PAC) must prioritize and recommend a proposed project (or projects) for TDA funding, and the City Council must adopt a resolution approving the project(s) and requesting allocation of the TDA funding from MTC.

ANALYSIS

At its March 28, 2018 meeting, the B/PAC recommended allocating \$100,000 of the Fiscal Year 2018-19 TDA funding to the Citywide Uncontrolled Marked Crosswalk Enhancements project and banking the remaining funding for allocation to the Shoreline Boulevard/Villa Street Intersection project next year.

- Citywide Uncontrolled Marked Crosswalk Enhancements. Enhancements will include, as appropriate to each site, signpost panel reflectors, additional red curb to improve sight distances, in-street “Stop For Pedestrian” signs, and the like. The funding will be used to identify appropriate uncontrolled crossing locations across the City suitable for improvements and to pay for purchase and installation of enhancements.



Example of sign post panel reflector installed at an uncontrolled, marked crosswalk location on Sylvan Avenue

- Shoreline Boulevard/Villa Street Intersection Improvements. This project will upgrade the signals and install bicycle/pedestrian improvements at the intersection. The estimated cost is approximately \$1 million and \$779,725 has already been allocated from the Fiscal Year 2016-17 CIP and a Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant. The TDA funding to be allocated next year would fill in the funding gap for installing bicycle and pedestrian improvements at this intersection. The TDA funds cannot be allocated to the project this year because environmental approvals are not yet complete. Staff will return to the B/PAC and City Council in spring 2019 to approve a Fiscal Year 2019-20 TDA Article 3 grant application for this project.

If the Citywide Uncontrolled Marked Crosswalk Enhancements Project is approved for submission as a TDA Article 3 project, staff will submit the project application (Exhibit B to the Resolution) and will request Council approval of a midyear 2018-19 CIP after MTC approves the project application.

FISCAL IMPACT

A total of \$249,970 is available from the combined Fiscal Years 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19 TDA Article 3 funding cycles. With the allocation of \$100,000 to the Citywide Uncontrolled Marked Crosswalk Enhancements Project, \$149,970 will be banked and added to next year's (Fiscal Year 2019-20) TDA allocation.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Select a different project for submission as the City's recommended project for Fiscal Year 2018-19 TDA Article 3 funding.
2. Direct staff to bank all of the \$249,970 in accumulated TDA Article 3 funding for allocation in Fiscal Year 2019-20.
3. Provide other direction.

PUBLIC NOTICING – Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. Resolution