



DATE: September 6, 2016

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Public Works

TITLE: **Approve a Midyear Capital Improvement Project – Library Elevator Modernization**

RECOMMENDATION

Approve a midyear capital improvement project, Library Elevator Modernization, and appropriate and transfer \$334,000 from the Construction/Conveyance Tax Fund to the new project. (Five votes required)

BACKGROUND

The Mountain View Public Library opened in 1997 and includes three elevators – two for public use and one for staff. In 2013, the staff elevator was modernized, including replacement of all electronic and mechanical components that operate the elevator except the main hydraulic ram and the elevator car itself. Modernization of the remaining elevators was tentatively scheduled for Fiscal Year 2017-18.

ANALYSIS

The two public elevators have been increasingly prone to failure, including being frequently down for service and, in several cases, stopping with patrons inside. Because of the increasing incidence of failures, staff recommends modernizing the elevators during the current fiscal year. The recommended actions would create and fund a capital improvement project for this purpose.

The existing public elevators have proprietary controls unique to the manufacturer, limiting the options for troubleshooting and repair. The recommended project would include components that are nonproprietary, allowing the units to be serviced and repaired by numerous companies. This new system was installed on the staff elevator in 2013 and has proven reliable.

If the recommended actions are approved, construction will commence in fall 2016 and is expected to be complete by January 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated cost of the Library Elevator Modernization is \$334,000. Staff recommends funding from the Construction/Conveyance (C/C) Tax Fund, which has sufficient funds available. The available balance in the C/C Tax Fund exceeded the amount allocated in the Fiscal Year 2015-16 through Fiscal Year 2020-21 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) by approximately \$275,000, and Fiscal Year 2015-16 revenues came in higher than estimated, so the recommended actions will not affect assumptions made about available funding during adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016-17 through Fiscal Year 2020-21 CIP.

ALTERNATIVE

Defer the project until 2017-18 as originally planned.

PUBLIC NOTICING – Agenda posting.

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