



**DATE:** June 24, 2014

**CATEGORY:** Consent

**DEPT.:** Public Works

**TITLE:** **Transportation Fund for Clean Air Grant – Middlefield Light Rail Station Bike Share Station**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. Accept \$141,640 in Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) grant funds for the Bay Area Bike Share Program.
2. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents and agreements, and take all necessary actions related to the \$141,640 TFCA grant.
3. Adopt a midyear capital improvement project entitled Middlefield Light Rail Station Bike Share Station. Appropriate \$141,640 in TFCA grant funds and appropriate and transfer \$50,360 from the Transit-Oriented Development Fund as the City matching funds for a total project budget of \$192,000. (Five votes required)
4. Waive all City encroachment permit fees for the installation of the bike share station on City property.

### **BACKGROUND**

On May 8, 2012, the City Council approved 11 bike share station locations in Mountain View. The regional Bay Area Bike Share Program was launched in August 2013 with 700 bicycles and 70 stations, including 70 bikes and 7 stations in Mountain View. An additional 300 bicycles and 30 stations (including 3 stations in the North Bayshore Area) will be complete in late 2014 for a total of 1,000 bicycles and 100 stations system-wide. Ten (10) out of the 11 Council-approved bike share station locations will be completed by the end of 2014 (Attachment 1). With 24,000 registered users and more than 190,000 trips made in its first nine months of operation, the pilot program continues to grow with more riders and members joining every month.

On December 26, 2013, VTA issued a competitive call for projects for TFCA grant funding. The City applied for TFCA grant funding to fund the installation of a bike share station at the Middlefield Light Rail Station, the last of the Council-approved bike share locations. Thirteen (13) bikes would be stationed at this location. On June 5, 2014, the VTA Board of Directors approved the City's grant application.

TFCA grants are administered by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) and local congestion management agencies, including the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). The grants are funded annually through a \$4-per-vehicle registration fee within the San Francisco Bay Area.

### **ANALYSIS**

To obtain TFCA grant funds, the City must execute a funding agreement. TFCA project funding is available for two years following the signing of the funding agreement, unless a project schedule extending the term is submitted to, and approved by, VTA and BAAQMD in advance.

The City is providing matching funds of \$50,360 (or approximately 26 percent of total funding) to meet the minimum project eligibility criteria for project funding.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The \$11.7 million Bay Area bike share pilot program is funded through a combination of local, regional, and Federal grants. The largest portion of funding comes from a \$7.1 million grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Climate Initiatives Grant program. After the initial pilot period, user fees and sponsorships will fund the ongoing operations and maintenance of the system.

The recommended waiver of the City encroachment fee will result in the City foregoing approximately \$900 in revenue, and other City costs are limited to Transportation Section staff time to coordinate with the MTC and VTA which is being performed with existing budgeted resources.

There are sufficient funds in the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Fund for the \$50,360 of City matching funds. The City's matching funds will be drawn from interest earnings in the TOD Fund. The balance in the TOD Fund as of May 31, 2014 is \$2.8 million.

**ALTERNATIVES**

The City Council could decline to accept the grant funds and appropriate funds to the project from other funding sources.

**PUBLIC NOTICING** – Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. Map of Bike Share Stations in Mountain View