



DATE: May 7, 2019

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Public Works

TITLE: **Fiscal Year 2019-20 Transportation Development Article 3 Funding – Recommended Project**

RECOMMENDATION

1. Adopt a Resolution of Request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the Allocation of Fiscal Year 2019-20 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 2019-20 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 the MTC for each city and the County.

The amount of annual TDA funding received by the City has ranged from \$50,000 to \$70,000 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 has banked its allocation over the past few years, except for \$100,000 assigned to pedestrian improvements last year. With the addition of the Fiscal

Year 2019-20 allocation, the City has \$241,768 in TDA funding available to allocate to projects or bank for use in future years.

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 February 27, 2019 meeting, the B/PAC recommended that the City's entire estimated allocation of \$241,768 of accumulated funds be utilized for bicycle/pedestrian intersection improvements at Shoreline Boulevard and Villa Street. This follows and confirms B/PAC's recommendation in March 2018 that funds should be banked and accumulated for this project.

The Shoreline Boulevard/Villa Street Intersection Improvements Project will upgrade the signals and install bicycle/pedestrian improvements at the intersection. The total estimated cost is approximately \$1,380,000 and \$779,000 has already been allocated from the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which includes a Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant. Additional funds will be provided via developer contributions. Environmental approvals are expected by June 2019, with construction to commence shortly after.

If the recommended action is approved, staff will submit the project application (Exhibit B to the Resolution) to VTA.

FISCAL IMPACT

Shoreline Boulevard/Villa Street Traffic Signal Improvements, Project 16-27, is funded with \$379,000 from the Construction/Conveyance Tax Fund. The City has also received a HSIP grant in the amount of \$400,000, which is not yet appropriated to the project. A developer has been conditioned to fund 25 percent of the project cost (approximately \$350,000). With the recommended allocation of \$241,768 in TDA Article 3 funds, there will be sufficient funding for the project.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Select a different project for submission as the City’s recommended project for Fiscal Year 2019-20 TDA Article 3 funding.
2. Direct staff to bank the \$241,768 in accumulated TDA Article 3 funding for allocation in a future fiscal year.
3. Provide other direction.

PUBLIC NOTICING – Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. Resolution