



CITY OF MENIFEE

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 821 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program Grant for Fiscal Year 2023/2024

MEETING DATE: August 16, 2023

TO: Mayor and City Council

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APPROVED BY: Armando G. Villa, City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Accept Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Riverside County Transportation Commission Senate Bill 821 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program Grant funds for the Paloma Wash Pedestrian Bridge Project; and
2. Adopt a Budget Amendment Resolution appropriating \$690,120 in revenues and expenditures in the Grant Fund (Fund 301) for the Paloma Wash Pedestrian Bridge Project; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute all necessary agreements and other grant-related documents as necessary to receive the Senate Bill 821 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program Grant.

DISCUSSION

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) administers the Senate Bill (SB) 821 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program Grant (Grant) which provides funding to jurisdictions for projects that support active transportation improvements through enhancements to bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Funding for the Grant comes from the Transportation Development Act (TDA), which is funded through a ¼ cent of general sales tax collected statewide. The TDA Article 3 / SB 821 Call for Projects is a discretionary program providing just under \$7 million in funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/2024 and administered by RCTC.

In April 2023, the City applied to the FY 2023/2024 Biennial Call for Projects to secure funding in support of the Paloma Wash Pedestrian Bridge Project, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) 20-13 (Project). The Project would construct a multi-use prefabricated steel truss pedestrian bridge over the Paloma Wash Channel from Central Park on the west side of the channel to the commercial area along Haun Road on the east of the channel. This would create a direct

connection for residential communities located on the west side of the channel to the amenities located on the east side. The estimated cost of the Project is approximately \$3 million.

In June 2023, the City was notified that the Project was awarded Grant funding in the amount of \$690,120. The Grant funding was awarded with the requirement for a local fund match to cover the remaining balance of just under \$2.3 million. The grant funds would be reimbursed for eligible construction costs at the completion of the Project.

An attachment to this staff report is a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with RCTC memorializing the City's rights and obligations with regard to the Grant funding. The MOU is a "model agreement" that RCTC customizes for its SB 821 awards. While project specific details remain to be provided, staff recommends that the City Council approve the form of the MOU, direct City staff to work with RCTC to finalize the agreement, and authorize the City Manager to execute the completed MOU and any other Grant-related documents as necessary to receive the funding on terms consistent with the staff report.

STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

Connectivity and Mobility

FISCAL IMPACT

The total estimated cost for the Project is approximately \$3 million. With the acceptance of the identified Grant funds, the City would be responsible to match just under \$2.3 million including previously programmed local funds which would be carried over under City Manager authority from FY 2022/2023 and programmed budget for FY 2023/2024, as summarized in Table 1 below. An appropriation to the Grant Fund (Fund 301) in the amount of \$690,120 and to the Project Account No. 301-4555-58098 is needed to recognize the grant revenue and expenditures as detailed in the attached Budget Amendment Resolution.

Table 1 – Existing Project Funding

Fund	Account Number	Available Budget
Capital Projects	320-4555-58098	\$500,000
DIF 17 – Public Facilities	507-4555-58098	\$200,000
DIF 17 - Trails	512-4555-58098	\$158,510
DIF Citywide – Public Use	520-4555-58098	\$114,293
Quality of Life	105-4555-58098	\$771,497
Grants (ARPA)	301-4555-58098	\$531,369
TOTAL		\$2,275,669

ATTACHMENTS

1. Project Location Map
2. Draft Memorandum of Understanding with RCTC for Grant Funding Under SB 821
3. Budget Adjustment Resolution – Fund 301