



CITY OF MENIFEE

SUBJECT: Riverside County Transportation Commission's Measure A Regional Arterial Improvements Program Grant Acceptances for Fiscal Year 2023/2024

MEETING DATE: November 1, 2023

TO: Mayor and City Council

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APPROVED BY: Rebekah Kramer, Acting City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Accept the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Riverside County Transportation Commission's Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee and Measure A Regional Arterial Improvements Program Grant funds for the City's Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Scott Road/Bundy Canyon Road Widening, CIP 20-01, and the McCall Boulevard Widening, CIP No. 22-03; and
2. Adopt a resolution appropriating \$3,140,000 for the McCall Boulevard Widening Project in revenues and expenditures in the Grant Fund (Fund 301) in FY 2023/2024; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all agreements and grant-related documents necessary to receive the Regional Arterial Improvements Program Grant for both Projects.

DISCUSSION

The Riverside County Transportation Commission ("RCTC") administers the Regional Arterial Improvements Program Grant ("Grant") which provides funding to jurisdictions in support of projects which would widen or construct roadways within the western Riverside County regional arterial transportation system. Funding for the Grant is derived from the voter approved and renewed Measure A half-cent sales tax, as well as matching revenues generated by cities and the County by implementing a Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF). The combined TUMF and Measure A Regional Arterial ("MARA") revenues available through this discretionary program provides approximately \$135 million in funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/2024 and is administered by RCTC.

In April 2023, staff submitted two applications in response to the 2023 Western Riverside County Regional Arterials Call for Projects. The first application requested funding support in the amount of \$10,000,000 for the Scott Road/Bundy Canyon Road Widening project, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) No. CIP 20-01 ("Project A"). The second application requested funding support in the amount of \$3,140,000 for the McCall Boulevard Widening project, CIP No. 22-03 ("Project B").

Project A proposes to widen approximately three miles of the existing two-lane rural roadway between Haun Road and Sunset Avenue (westerly City limits) to an interim four-lane urban arterial. Additional improvements include installation of Class II bicycle lanes in each direction, extensive grading and roadway realignment, drainage improvements, side street realignments and improvements, traffic signal modifications at Murrieta Road and Haun Road, and a new traffic signal at Sunset Avenue. The funds would be utilized for the construction phase of the project which is estimated at \$31 million. The estimated total cost of Project A is just over \$43 million. The project is currently in the environmental phase, with the construction phase anticipated to begin in May 2025. Since this project funds are not anticipated to incur expenses until FY 2024/2025, staff would appropriate the \$10,000,000 in revenues and expenditures to the Grant Fund (Fund 301) at budget mid-cycle for FY24/25.

Project B proposes to widen approximately 0.75 miles of the existing two-lane roadway to four-lanes along McCall Boulevard between Oak Hurst Avenue and Menifee Road. Additional improvements include installing Class II bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and ADA ramps in both directions, drainage improvements, and modifying the existing traffic signal at Junipero Road. The funds would be utilized for the construction phase of the project which is estimated at just under \$5.1 million. The estimated total cost of Project B is just under \$6.7 million. The Project is currently in the final design phase, with the construction phase anticipated to begin in July 2024.

In May 2023, the City was notified that both projects were recommended for funding, and in June 2023, the RCTC approved the recommendation to fund both projects for the amounts requested in the respective applications. Project A would receive \$9,367,560 in TUMF Regional Funds and \$632,440 in MARA funds for a total award in the amount of \$10,000,000. Grant funding for Project A requires matching funds of just over \$15 million. Project B would receive a total award of \$3,140,000 in MARA funds. Grant funding for Project B requires a funding match to cover the remaining balance of just over \$3.5 million. Allocated grant funds would be reimbursed for eligible costs at the completion of the projects.

City Council action is required for approval of the funding agreements with RCTC as the total amounts of each exceed the City Manager's signing authority. Upon approval of the funding agreements, RCTC would initiate routing the agreements electronically for signature.

STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

Connectivity and Mobility

FISCAL IMPACT

The total estimated construction cost for Project A is approximately \$31 million. In accepting the identified grant funds, the City would be responsible for matching just over \$15 million in local, state or federal funds. Approximately \$3.7 million is available in the current fiscal year budget,

with an additional \$4 million anticipated to be received in FY 2024/2025. Because construction activity for Project A is not anticipated to begin until the end of FY 2024/2025 staff recommends the appropriation of the RCTC grant funds to be done at budget mid-cycle. In addition, staff is actively pursuing additional grant funding opportunities to cover the remaining fund match which would be programmed into the Project's budget in FY 2024/2025 as well.

The total estimated cost of Project B is approximately \$6.7 million and with the acceptance of the identified grant funds, the City would be responsible for matching just under \$2 million in local funds. Approximately \$2.5 million is available in the current FY budget for Project B, with an additional \$520,237 programmed in FY 2024/2025.

Appropriation to the Grant Fund (Fund 301) in the amount of \$3,140,000 for Project B, Account No. 301-3753 is required to recognize revenue and Account No. 301-4555-58119 is required to recognize the grant expenditures, as detailed in the attached Budget Amendment Resolution.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Project Location Maps
2. Grant Summary Report
3. RCTC Agreement for Funding - Project A
4. RCTC Agreement for Funding - Project B
5. Budget Amendment Resolution