

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL



DATE: September 17, 2019

TITLE: DHS Bike Lanes and ADA Improvement Project - Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) Agreement for Funding Under Senate Bill (SB) 821 Bicycle Pedestrian Facilities Program

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RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Manager to execute a funding agreement between Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the City of Desert Hot Springs, to receive SB 821 funding totaling \$300,000 for the DHS Bike Lanes and ADA Improvements Project.

DISCUSSION

On February 4, 2019, the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) released a "Call for Projects" seeking applications from local Cities and Counties for the Fiscal Year 2019 SB 821 Bicycle Pedestrian Facilities Program.

On April 25, 2019, City Staff submitted a grant application requesting funding for the DHS Bike Lanes and ADA Improvement Project. The DHS Bike Lane and ADA Improvement Project will install approximately 1/2 Mile of new Class II Bike Lanes on both side of the street using the current white and green paint standards and markings for additional safety enhancements for bicyclists to use. As part of the new striping, this project will also reduce the lane widths as a "traffic calming" mechanism for increased safety. The Project will also replace existing pedestrian ramps with current ADA Accessible Ramps and infrastructure in order to provide a contiguous ADA accessible pathway throughout the project. Both the Bike Lanes and the ADA accessible pathway will create a safer and alternative mode of transportation for pedestrians and bicyclists to use. The project limits are along Palm Drive from Pierson Blvd to 8th Street. See exhibit 1 for project exhibits.

The project is estimated to cost a total of \$631,000, and the City submitted a grant application requesting \$300,000 from SB 821 funding (estimated 48% of total cost). The remaining \$331,000 local match will utilize City funds.

On May 20, 2019, RCTC notified City Staff that the grant application was reviewed and was ranked 3rd out of 35 grant applications (Exhibit 2). On June 12, 2019, RCTC approved awarding funding to the top 12 grant applications which including the DHS Bike Lane and ADA Improvement Project with a total award of \$300,000.

The funding will be available on a reimbursement basis after the project is completed, and the project must be completed within two years. The project funding will be used for the Engineering Design, Construction, and Construction Management (inspections and material testing). Below is a tentative project schedule;

December 2019..... Release the Request for Qualifications for Engineering Design
February 2020..... Award Engineering Design
March 2020..... Design Starts
October 2020..... Design End
November 2020 Release the Request for Proposal for Construction
January 2021..... Award Construction
February 2021..... Construction Start
June 2021..... Construction End

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the funding agreement between Riverside County Transportation Commission and the City of Desert Hot Springs, to receive SB 821 funding totaling \$300,000 for the DHS Bike Lane and ADA Improvement Project.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will be receiving a reimbursement of \$300,000 from SB 821 grant funds. The remaining local match will utilize available resources in the City's Measure A Fund 127, Sidewalk Fund 120, and other grant fund sources if available for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year.

EXHIBIT(S)

- 1) Project Exhibits
- 2) RCTC List of Funding Recommendations
- 3) Riverside County Transportation Commission Agreement for SB 821 Funding