



## CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council                      **DATE:** May 18, 2020

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**SUBJECT:** CIP 2273 – Safe Routes to School Grant Application for Sidewalk Infill Project

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the Statewide Safe Routes to School Cycle 3 Application to provide \$157,333 in grant funds for CIP 2273 (Sidewalk Infill Project)

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### **BACKGROUND**

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program is an international effort to encourage communities to make walking and bicycling to/from school safe and routine. In 1969, about half of all students walked or bicycled to school. Today, fewer than 15 percent of all school trips are made by walking or bicycling and almost half of all children arrive to school in private automobiles. The increased traffic has had an adverse effect on traffic congestion and area quality around schools as well as pedestrian and bicycle safety. Although 80 percent of parents believe walking and bicycling is healthy for their children, safety issues are a big concern and traffic danger is often cited as a reason why their children are unable to bicycle or walk to school.

The City previously received \$100,000 of SRTS grant funding for bicycle and pedestrian improvements near Grover Beach Elementary School in the 2019 (Cycle 2) funding cycle. Staff estimated \$40,000 was needed for design leaving \$60,000 for construction. The project scope includes sidewalk infill on Manhattan Avenue between South 12<sup>th</sup> and South 13<sup>th</sup> Streets and South 10<sup>th</sup> Street between Seabright and Baden Avenues on the east side of the street. The final cost estimate for design and construction is now \$300,000. The City is seeking \$157,333 of SRTS Cycle 3 funding and proposes to match this with \$78,666 from the City's FY 2020-21 Urban State Highway Account (USHA) fund balance for the required 33% local match. Specific grant conditions include that the project is not eligible to receive additional SRTS funds and the project must be completed by 2023 so the scope cannot be modified without additional local funding.

The design is complete and the project can go out to bid once the project is fully funded. If the City is successful in receiving the grant, the City will be able to move forward with construction in FY 2020-21. A copy of the grant application is included in Attachment 1.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The grant application requires the City to commit \$78,666 of FY 2020-21 USHA funds to the project.

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## **ALTERNATIVES**

The City Council has the following alternatives to consider:

1. Approve the Statewide Safe Routes to School Cycle 3 Application to provide \$157,333 in grant funds for CIP 2273 (Sidewalk Infill Project), or
2. Provide alternate direction to staff.

## **PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**

The agenda was posted in accordance with the Brown Act.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Cycle 3 SRTS Grant Application