



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT



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ITEM TITLE

Regional Transportation Improvement Program: Amendment to the Transnet Local Street Improvement Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2020/21 through 2024/25

Report Number: 22-0023

Location: No specific geographic location

Department: Engineering

Environmental Notice: The activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) no environmental review is required.

Recommended Action

Conduct the public hearing and adopt a resolution approving the proposed amendments to the TransNet Local Street Improvement Program of projects for Fiscal Years 2020/21 through 2024/25.

SUMMARY

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) is accepting submittal requests for an amendment to the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). SANDAG provided its member agencies with new financial projections for Fiscal Years 2020/21 through 2024/25. Staff recommends several administrative adjustments to transfer TransNet funds allocated to Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because the activity consists of governmental Regional Transportation Improvement Program/TransNet funds activity, which does not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. Therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is required. Although environmental review is not required at this time, once

the scope of potential individual projects has been defined, environmental review will be required for each project and the appropriate environmental determination will be made.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

DISCUSSION

The 2021 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) includes a program of projects and expenditures for Fiscal Years 2020/21 through 2024/25. The City participates in the Local Street Improvement Program portion of the overall RTIP. On February 1, 2022, SANDAG provided the member agencies with an updated TransNet Revenue Forecast - Local Street Improvement Program – Estimates for FY 2023 to FY 2027 (Attachment 1), which includes a revised estimate for FY 2022. These are conservative estimates for planning purposes.

The Fiscal Year 2021/22 projected revenue is currently estimated to be \$7,726,000, which reflects a 15.5% increase from the February 9, 2021 previous projection of \$6,689,000. Future fiscal year forecasts now reflect a marginally flatter increase in revenue for each year.

A summary of the Estimated TransNet Allocation and the City projects currently programmed for TransNet funding are shown on Attachment 2. Amounts shown for future fiscal years are estimated and will be revised in the future as projected revenues are updated and specific project locations are identified.

In addition to programming adjustments due to revisions in projected revenues, a list of administrative transfers also require approval with this current amendment.

Administrative Modifications

An administrative modification is a minor change to the SANDAG Program of Projects that typically involves revisions of project description (without changing project scope) and/or revisions in funding amounts programmed in the project (limited to the lesser of 40% of the total project cost or \$10 million). Transfers above these limits must be performed as a Formal Amendment with City Council Resolution. The proposed Council Resolution is associated with an administrative amendment process.

This action is intended to reallocate leftover funds allocated to CIP projects that have been completed or to transfer money from one CIP project to another within the same SANDAG project number (MPO ID). These transfers will not affect the balance between Congestion Relief and Maintenance projects and are strictly administrative to address SANDAG's project accounting. In the case where the City is transferring money between differing MPO ID's, the City must ensure that the overall balance between Congestion Relief and Maintenance projects for the City's entire program still complies with SANDAG requirements. In both cases, all involved funds have already been budgeted in the current Capital Improvement Program, so no appropriation is required. Attachment 3 provides details of these transfers.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the real property holdings of the City Council members do not create a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision-maker conflict of interest in this matter.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no current fiscal year impact since this Council action pertains to revenue estimates for Fiscal Years 2021/22 through 2024/25.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

There will not be any ongoing fiscal impact since these amounts are estimates, which will not affect the budget.

ATTACHMENTS

1. TransNet Revenue Forecast – 02/01/2022
2. Estimated TransNet Allocation – FY 2021-22 through FY 2026-27
3. 2021 RTIP Administrative Transfers

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