



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT



June 11, 2024

ITEM TITLE

Active Transportation Program: Authorizing the Submittal Cycle 7 Grant Applications for (1) The F St Promenade Phase 2 and (2) The Anita St and Industrial Blvd Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements; and Stating the City's Assurance to Complete the Projects

Report Number: 24-0132

Location: F Street between Broadway and Fourth Avenue; Anita Street between Frontage Road and Industrial Boulevard; Industrial Boulevard between Ada Street and Main Street

Department: Engineering

G.C. § 84308: No

Environmental Notice: The activity qualifies for an Exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), Section 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan or Zoning), and Section 15061(b)(3).

Recommended Action

Adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of two applications for the Active Transportation Program Cycle 7 grants for the F Street Promenade – Phase 2 and the Anita Street and Industrial Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements, stating the City's commitment to complete these projects and enhance the local transportation infrastructure.

SUMMARY

In the interest of obtaining grant funding toward roadway improvement projects, City staff prepared two (2) applications for the statewide Active Transportation Program (ATP) – Cycle 7 grant administered by Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission. The applications are for the F Street Promenade Phase 2 and the Anita Street and Industrial Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements projects. ATP funds are dedicated to projects that encourage increased use of active modes of transportation.

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 qualifies for a Categorical Exemption

pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), Section 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan or Zoning), and Section 15061(b)(3) because it creates a balanced, connected, safe, and convenient transportation network designed to serve all users via walking, biking, public transit, and driving. It can also be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. Further, there is no possibility that the proposed activity would create cumulative impacts that are significant, and there are no unusual circumstances that would cause any such significant impacts. Thus, no further environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

DISCUSSION

On March 21, 2024, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) announced the ATP - Cycle 7 Call for Projects. The purpose of the ATP is to increase roadway usage by all active modes of transportation, giving preference to areas of high pedestrian and bicycle activity, as well as disadvantaged communities. Cycle 7 is expected to include approximately \$568 million in ATP funding made up of Federal funding, State SB1, and State Highway Account (SHA) funding. The funding/programming years include the fiscal periods of 2025-26, 2026-27, 2027-28, and 2028-29.

It is recommended that the City apply for grant funding of these projects as described below:

Proposed Project 1: F Street Promenade – Phase 2

Project Location: Phase 2 – F Street (Broadway to Fourth Avenue)
Overall Project – F Street (Bay Boulevard to Third Avenue)

Project Description:

The goal of the F Street Promenade project is to develop a balanced, connected, safe, and convenient transportation network designed to serve all users, regardless of age or ability, that will also provide multi-modal access (via walking, biking, and transit) to downtown Chula Vista on Third Avenue, the Chula Vista Civic Center, the E Street Trolley Station (one block north of study area), and the Chula Vista Bayfront. The need for the project is identified in the City's General Plan, the Urban Core Specific Plan and the [F Street Promenade Streetscape Study \(March 2018\)](#).

Proposed improvements include enhancing pedestrian and bicycle facilities by expanding the existing five-foot wide sidewalk to create a 12' wide multi-use pathway on both sides of the street. The project will also include landscaped and lighted parkways, bulb-outs, new or improved crosswalks and the undergrounding of overhead utilities. To provide added space for these improvements, the existing landscaped parkway area will be utilized and on-street parking will remain.

Since ATP requires all projects to be completed within four years of being awarded funding, staff recommends applying for grant funding to cover preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and construction

costs for only Phase 2 of the F Street Promenade project (from Broadway to Fourth Avenue). Staff also recommends leveraging \$70,000 from the available TransNet fund balance to complete this project.

On June 28, 2023, the F Street Promenade - Phase 1 project was awarded ATP Cycle 6 grant funding in the amount of \$9,762,000.

Total Estimated Cost for F St Phase 2: \$13,497,209 (PE, R/W, CON)
(ATP Contribution: \$13,427,209/Local Contribution: \$70,000)

Proposed Project 2: Anita Street and Industrial Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

Project Location: Anita Street from Frontage Road to Industrial Boulevard and
Industrial Boulevard from Ada Street to Main Street

Project Description:

This project is located on Anita Street between Frontage Road and Industrial Boulevard and on Industrial Boulevard between Ada Street and Main Street within Smart Growth area CV3, Palomar Gateway. Currently there is missing sidewalk and no bike facilities along both roadway corridors. These segments along Industrial Boulevard and Anita Street ranked number one and seven in the Sidewalk Infill Prioritization list in the City's [Active Transportation Master Plan](#), respectively.

The project scope consists of the installation of approximately 2,150 feet of sidewalk along multiple segments along the north side of Anita Street and the west side of Industrial Boulevard and the north side of Anita Street, including the construction of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant pedestrian ramps at each crossing. In addition, the installation of approximately 3,000 feet of Class II bike lanes in both directions along Industrial Boulevard and a portion of Anita Street is proposed. 630 feet of Class III bike routes will be installed on the western portion of Anita Street in both directions. These improvements will provide the needed bicycle and pedestrian links to effectively connect the public to Harborside School, Harborside Park, the Palomar Street Trolley Station and the proposed Palomar Gateway commercial development.

Since ATP requires all projects to be completed within four years of being awarded funding, staff recommends applying for grant funding to cover preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and construction costs. If this grant application is approved, future Council action will be taken to accept and appropriate the grant funding and establish a CIP.

Total - Estimated Cost: \$2,500,000 (PE, R/W, CON)
(ATP Contribution: \$2,500,000)

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Proposed Project Application 1 (F Street Promenade, Phase 2): Staff has reviewed the property holdings of the City Council and has found that, Councilmember McCann has real property holdings within 1,000 feet, but beyond 500 feet, of the boundaries of the property which is the subject of this action. Staff has determined that the decision could change the parcel's development potential, highest and best use, character, and/or market value. Consequently, pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 2, sections

18700 and 18702.2(a)(8), this item presents a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.) for the above-identified member.

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.

Proposed Project Application 2 (Anita Street and Industrial Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements): Staff has reviewed the property holdings of the City Council members and has found no property holdings within 1,000 feet of the boundaries of the property which is the subject of this action. Consequently, this item does not present a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under California Code of Regulations Title 2, section 18702.2(a)(7) or (8), for purposes of 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 is no fiscal impact as a result of this action. If a grant is awarded, staff will return to Council with a recommendation to accept and appropriate grant funds.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

F Street Promenade – Phase 2: Upon construction completion, the project will require routine maintenance and landscape maintenance along the F Street parkway areas.

Anita Street and Industrial Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements: Upon construction completion, the project will require routine maintenance.

ATTACHMENTS

1. F Street Promenade Phase 2 Proposed Improvements
2. Anita Street and Industrial Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

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