



REPORT to the MAYOR and MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL
From the CITY MANAGER

DATE: September 15, 2020

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a Grant Application for the Active Transportation Program for the Statewide and Regional Competitions, for the La Mesa Bike and Sidewalk Connections Project

ISSUING DEPT: Public Works

SUMMARY:

Issues:

Should the City Council authorize the filing of a grant application for the Active Transportation Program (ATP) for the Statewide and Regional Competitions, for the La Mesa Bike and Sidewalk Connections Project; accepting and appropriating funds if awarded; and appointing the City Manager, or designee, to execute all agreements and any amendments?

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the resolution to authorize the filing of a grant application for the Active Transportation Program (ATP) for the Statewide and Regional Competitions, for the La Mesa Bike and Sidewalk Connections Project; accepting and appropriating funds if awarded; and appointing the City Manager, or designee, to execute all agreements and any amendments.

Fiscal Impact:

The total estimated cost for the project is \$4,600,000. The City is requesting the full amount of \$4,600,000 in Active Transportation Program Capital Funds for the project. No General Fund money will be used.

City's Strategic Goals:

- Effective and efficient traffic circulation and transportation
- Revitalize neighborhoods and corridors

BACKGROUND:

On September 26, 2013, the Governor signed legislation creating the Active Transportation Program (ATP) through Senate Bill 99, Chapter 359 and Assembly Bill 101, Chapter 354. The intent of the program is to encourage the use of active modes of transportation such as walking and bicycling.

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) announced the ATP Cycle 5 Call for Projects on March 25, 2020. Cycle 5 is expected to include Federal, State SB1 (RMRA) and State Highway Account funding. The funding/programming years include Fiscal Years 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25.

The ATP is a consolidated program of former federal and state transportation programs, including the Transportation Alternatives Program, Bicycle Transportation Account, and State Safe Routes to School (SR2S). The program is administered by the CTC and grant funding will be awarded in two stages, beginning with a Statewide Competition with awards announced in March 2021, followed by the Regional Competition with awards announced in June 2021. Grant applications are due September 15th and September 30th. The intent of the provided resolution is to authorize application submittal for both stages of competition.

DISCUSSION:

The City of La Mesa's bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure has benefited from federal, state and local grant programs on many occasions over the past decade. Most recently, construction was completed for the West La Mesa Ped and Bike project, North Spring Street Ped and Bike Phase I project with University Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Project and North Spring Street Phase 2A and 2B projects having been awarded construction contracts.

Staff identified twenty-five bicycle and sidewalk projects for Infrastructure or Non-Infrastructure funding. The projects align with La Mesa's adopted Bicycle Facilities and Alternative Transportation Plan, Sidewalk Master Plan, Urban Trails Mobility Action Plan, and General Plan.

Staff also used the Vision Zero Policy which was adopted by City Council on September 25, 2018. The projects proposed in the grant application are in line with four of the activities of the policy: 1) Prioritize Capital Improvement Projects and Maintenance; 2) Utilize Safe and Complete Streets Design Criteria; 3) Consider Collision Data in Grant Applications; and 4) Education and Engagement.

A project list with a short summary is shown in Attachment B.

Due to the considerable amount of time and cost to prepare grant applications staff is proposing to submit all the projects in one application.

CONCLUSION:


Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the resolution to authorize the filing of a grant application for the ATP for the Statewide and Regional Competitions.

Reviewed by:



Greg Humora
City Manager

Respectfully submitted by:



Leon Firsh
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

- Attachments: A. Resolution
 B. Project List

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA
AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE ACTIVE
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR THE STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL
COMPETITIONS, FOR THE LA MESA BIKE AND SIDEWALK CONNECTIONS
PROJECT

WHEREAS, \$440 million in federal and statewide funding is available to jurisdictions through the Active Transportation Program (ATP) for Fiscal Years 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25;

WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) announced the ATP Cycle 5 Call for Projects on March 25, 2020;

WHEREAS, the program is administered by the CTC and grant funding will be awarded in two stages, beginning with a Statewide Competition with awards announced in March 2021, followed by the Regional Competition with awards announced in June 2021;

WHEREAS, applications are due Statewide and Regional Competitions on September 15th and September 30th of 2020;

WHEREAS, the City of La Mesa wishes to receive up to \$4,600,000 in grant funding from the ATP for the completion of the La Mesa Bike and Sidewalk Connections Project;

WHEREAS, the City of La Mesa certifies that it has adopted the La Mesa Bicycle Facilities and Alternative Transportation Plan dated February 2012, the La Mesa Walkability Plan dated February 2006 and the La Mesa Freeway Crossing Plan dated December 2008;

WHEREAS, the City of La Mesa adopted a Climate Action Plan in March 2018, which establishes a goal to reduce community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 53% and reduce vehicle miles traveled by 6% by 2035 through infrastructure improvements and other programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Mesa adopted a Vision Zero Policy in September 2018, and the proposed projects are in line with four of the activities of the policy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of La Mesa, California, that the City is authorized to file a Grant Application for the Active Transportation Program for the Statewide and Regional Competitions, in an amount up to \$4,600,000 for the La Mesa Bike and Sidewalk Connections Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if a grant award is made by the CTC to fund the La Mesa Bike and Sidewalk Connections Project, authorizes the City Manager or a designee to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City, if awarded the grant, allocates the funds to a new CIP Account (Fund 301) in the amount received for the La Mesa Bike and Sidewalk Connections Project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a Special meeting of the City Council of the City of La Mesa, California, held the 15th day of September 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

I, MEGAN WIEGELMAN, City Clerk of the City of La Mesa, California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of Resolution No. 2020-_____, duly passed and adopted by the City Council of said City on the date and by the vote therein recited.

MEGAN WIEGELMAN, CMC, City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

LA MESA BIKE AND SIDEWALK CONNECTIONS

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS (CONSTRUCTION)

1. **Jackson Drive Bike Lanes (Fletcher Parkway to La Mesa Blvd.):** Install striping and signage for 5' wide Class 2 bike lanes, both sides. Construct curb, gutter, sidewalk, and curb ramps on west side between Grossmont Boulevard and Glen Street to provide a 30-foot-wide southbound roadway on west side.
2. **Grossmont Boulevard Bike Lanes (Jackson Drive to Bancroft Drive):** Install striping and signage on existing 80 foot wide roadway for four 11 foot travel lanes, a 12 foot median/left turn lane, two 5 foot bike lanes and two 7 foot parking lanes.
3. **Lemon Avenue Bike Lanes (SR 125 to Bancroft Drive):** Install striping and signage for 5' wide Class 2 bike lanes, both sides.
4. **Bancroft Drive Bike Lanes (Grossmont Blvd. to Severin Drive):** Install striping and signage on existing 40 foot wide roadway for two 12 foot travel lanes, two 6 foot bike lanes with 2 foot buffers and no parking both sides.
5. **Severin Drive Bike Lanes (Murray Drive to Bancroft Drive):** Install striping and signage on existing 80 foot wide roadway/overcrossing for four 11 foot travel lanes, 24 foot median/dual left turn lane, and two 6 foot bike lanes with no parking on both sides.
6. **Murray Drive Bike Lanes (Grossmont Center Drive-Severin Drive):** Install striping and signage on existing 64 foot wide roadway for two 14 foot vehicle lanes, 16 foot two way left turn lane, two 6 foot bike lanes and two 4 foot buffers.
Murray Drive Bike Lanes (Severin Drive-Water Street): Install striping and signage on existing 36 foot wide roadway for two 12 foot vehicle lanes and two 6 foot bike lanes with no parking both sides
7. **Water Street Bike Lanes (Amaya Drive to Milden Street):** Widen roadway from 32' to 40' and construct ADA compliant curb, gutter, sidewalk and curb ramps on west side between Amaya Drive and Janfred Way. Install striping/signage for Class 2 bike lane on both sides.
8. **Grossmont Center Drive Bike Lanes and Sidewalk (Fletcher Parkway to Murray Drive):** Construct bridge barrier, pedestrian railing, bike lane, ADA compliant sidewalk including incremental bridge widening between Fletcher Parkway and Center Drive. From Center Drive to I-8 widen roadway from 55' to 64' and construct new curb, gutter, sidewalk, and AC paving on west side. Restripe roadway, modify three traffic signals and install striping/signage for 5' Class 2 bike lanes on both sides.
9. **Fresno Street/Upland Street Bike Route (Spring Street to Mariposa Street):** Install Class 3 bike "sharrows" on existing 30 foot roadway.
10. **Mariposa Street Bike Route (Upland Street to Bancroft Drive):** Install Class 3 bike "sharrows" on existing 30 foot roadway.
11. **Panorama Street/Terrace Drive Bike Route (Mariposa Street to Bancroft Drive):** Install Class 3 bike "sharrows" on existing 30-40 foot roadway.
12. **Center Drive Bike Lanes and Sidewalk (Jackson Drive to Grossmont Center Drive):** Install striping and signage on existing 46 foot wide roadway for two 12

foot travel lanes, 10 foot left turn lane, and two 6 foot bike lanes with no parking both sides.

- 13. Baltimore Drive Bike Lanes (Lake Murray Blvd. to Fletcher Parkway):** Install striping and signage on existing 32 foot wide southbound roadway for two 10 foot travel lanes, a 5 foot bike lane and 7 foot parking lane.
- 14. Alvarado Road Bike Lanes (Alvarado Specific Plan Eastern Boundary to Guava Avenue):** Install striping and signage on existing 38 foot wide roadway for two 10.5 foot travel lanes, two 5 foot bike lanes and a 7 foot parking lane on the south side.
- 15. Lake Murray Blvd./70th Street Bike Lanes (Alvarado Road to Parkway Drive):** Install striping and signage on existing 62 foot wide roadway/overcrossing for four 12 foot travel lanes, two 5 foot bike lanes, and two 2 foot buffers with no parking on both sides. Construct ADA and bicycle compliant barriers/railings on both sides.
- 16. Riviera Drive Bike Lanes (Grove Street to Gateside Road):** Install striping and signage on existing 38 foot wide roadway for two 10.5 foot vehicular lanes, two 5 foot bike lanes and a 7 foot parking lane on north side.
- 17. Parks Avenue Sidewalks (Seneca Place to Ohio Place):** Construct ADA-compliant sidewalk, curb ramps, curb, gutter and driveway approaches on west side of 28 foot roadway.

NON-INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS (PRELIMINARY PLAN AND PUBLIC OUTREACH ONLY)

- A. La Mesa Rail Trail Multi-Use Path:** Prepare concept plans and perform community outreach to construct 12 foot wide ADA-compliant multi-use path along Nebo Drive and the San Diego Trolley/SD&AE Railroad between Lemon Avenue and Spring Street Transit Station.
- B. Pasadena Avenue Sidewalks/Collier Multi-Use Path/Mariposa Trail (Spring Street to Upland Street):** Prepare concept plans and perform community outreach to construct sidewalk, curb ramps and ADA-compliant access ramp on Pasadena Avenue between Spring Street and Palm Avenue, construct multi-use access path through Collier Park from Palm Avenue to Fourth Street, and construct multi-use access ramp/stairway in Mariposa Street right of way between Fourth Street and Upland Street.
- C. Palm Avenue Bike Lanes (University Avenue to Spring Street):** Prepare concept plans and perform community outreach to install striping and signage on existing 40 foot wide roadway for two 10.5 foot vehicular lanes, one 5 foot bike lane northbound and two 7 foot parking lanes, install “super-sharrows” in southbound lanes, and construct ADA-compliant curb pop-outs, crossings and curb ramps at Lemon Avenue, Finley Avenue, Fresno Avenue, and Spring Street intersections.
- D. La Mesa Boulevard Bike Lanes (Jackson Drive to I-8):** Prepare concept plans and perform community outreach to modify existing medians and install striping and signage on existing 80 foot roadway for four 11 foot vehicular lanes, two 5 foot bike lanes, two 7 foot parking lanes and a 12 foot left turn lane.
- E. Jackson Drive Bike Lanes and Sidewalks (La Mesa Blvd. to Lemon Avenue):** Prepare concept plans and perform community outreach to construct ADA-compliant 5 foot sidewalks, driveway approaches and curb ramps on both sides and 6 foot bike lanes with buffers or alternatively retain parking and install “Super Sharrows”.
- F. Lemon Avenue Sidewalks and Bike Lanes (Glen St. to SR 125):** Prepare concept plans and perform community outreach to construct ADA-compliant 5 foot sidewalks, driveway approaches and curb ramps on both sides and install 6 foot bike lanes with buffers on both sides, or alternatively retain parking and install “Super Sharrows”.
- G. Garfield Street Sidewalks:** Prepare concept plans and perform community outreach to construct ADA-compliant 5 foot sidewalks, driveway approaches and curb ramps on both sides.
- H. Gateside Road Bike Lanes and Sidewalk (Park Lane to Payson Road):** Prepare concept plans and perform community outreach to widen roadway to 30-32 feet, construct retaining wall and 5 foot wide sidewalk on north side, and install 5 foot wide bike lanes on both sides.