



STAFF REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: Regular Meeting of January 14, 2020
TO: Members of the City Council

SUBMITTED BY: Michael Roberts, Public Works Director/City Engineer

SUBJECT: TDA Article 3 Grant Request for the Willow/Palm Sidewalk Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt the attached resolution "Request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the allocation of fiscal year 2020-2021 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle project funding."

FISCAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION:

The grant funding request is for \$100,000. Last year's allocation to the County was \$950,000, MTC has not yet released the amount available for this coming year. Given the funding is competitive and historically the combined Countywide requests have significantly exceeded the amount available, successful projects typically receive less than their requested amount.

The City previously received a \$1.058M Measure J TLC grant from the Contra Costa Transportation Agency (CCTA) for this project, which based upon the 35% design is estimated to cost \$1.319M. The TDA Article 3 Grant funding, if awarded, will help close the funding gap.

DISCUSSION:

The Willow/Palm Sidewalk Project will eliminate a critical gap in the City's pedestrian network between the Hercules Transit Center and the south-east area of the City. Sidewalk will be installed from the Hercules Transit Center along Willow Avenue to Willow, where it will tie into the existing sidewalk leading over State Route 4, and then along Palm Avenue where it will tie into the existing sidewalk on Sycamore Avenue. The project is included in the City's 5-Year Capital Improvement Program that was adopted as part of the FY 19-20 Budget and is currently scheduled for construction this summer and fall. The 35% design has just been completed and staff is working with the design consultant on a contract for the final design.

The applicant timeline and selection process is explained in detail in the Call for Projects (Attachment 2).

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution
2. Call For Projects Dated October 29, 2019
3. Willow/Palm Conceptual Plan