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County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: John Kopchik, Director, Conservation & Development Department  
Date: March 27, 2018

Subject: Allocation of Funds from Livable Communities Trust (District II portion)

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

1. ALLOCATE \$75,000 from the Livable Communities Trust (District II portion) to the Public Works Department and AUTHORIZE the Public Works Director to engage The Landscape Company through an existing on-call contract, for the Newell Avenue Pathway Project, as recommended by Supervisor Anderson. County Project No. 0662-6R4071, DCD-CP#18-13 (District II); DETERMINE the Project is a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Class 1(c) Categorical Exemption, pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines, and DIRECT the Director of Department of Conservation and Development to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk, and AUTHORIZE the Public Works Director or designee to arrange for payment of a \$25 fee to the Department of Conservation and Development for processing, and a \$50 fee to the County Clerk for filing the Notice of Exemption.
  
2. ALLOCATE \$10,000 from the Livable Communities Trust (District II portion) to the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group for the Tri-Valley Rising Report, as recommended by Supervisor Andersen.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **03/27/2018** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: Candace Andersen, District II  
Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, District III  
Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV  
Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V  
Supervisor

ABSENT: John Gioia, District I  
Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: March 27, 2018

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

No General Fund Impact. Funds in the total amount of \$85,000 (\$75,000 for the Newell Avenue Pathway project and \$10,000 for the Tri-Valley Rising Report) are from the District II allocation of deposits into the Livable Communities Trust Fund (Fund). On December 3, 2013, the Board of Supervisors determined that revenue from the Fund should be spent equally among supervisorial districts. At build-out of the development projects contributing revenue to the Fund, deposits will total \$8,448,000. As of March 9, 2018, the fund balance was \$7,612,137. The account has earned approximately \$457,574 in interest to date. There have been \$671,037 in expenditures. Previously approved allocations are shown in Attachment A.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Livable Communities Trust Fund (Fund) is a Special Revenue Mitigation Fund established by the Board of Supervisors on November 15, 2005, following the approval of the Camino Tassajara Combined General Plan Amendment Project, also known as the Alamo Creek and Intervening Property residential projects, to implement a condition of approval. The Fund was established to implement the County's Smart Growth Action Plan. The residential developers pay an \$8,000 per unit fee (excluding affordable housing portions of the projects) into the Fund. The Department of Conservation and Development administers the Fund.

### **The Newell Avenue Pathway Project**

The project is located along Newell Avenue in unincorporated Walnut Creek, from Olympic Boulevard to Circle Drive. The overall purpose of the project is to repair the existing decomposed granite path and raise meter boxes to grade, along the southern side of Newell Avenue. The scope of work varies between segments of the path. From Olympic Boulevard to Magnolia Avenue and from 1813 Newell Avenue to Circle Drive, the work includes the installation of decomposed granite mixed with an organic binder to level the path, the installation of pressure treated borders, and the installation and raising of new meter boxes to be level with the finished path. From Magnolia Avenue to 1813 Newell Avenue, the work includes the installation of decomposed granite mixed with an organic binder to depressed areas, as needed, and the installation and raising of new meter boxes to be level with the finished surfaces.

The Landscape Company, an on-call contractor with the Public Works Department, will be utilized to complete the repair of the Newell Avenue Pathway project prior to a scheduled surface treatment along Newell Avenue in Summer 2018. An Authorization to Proceed will be provided to the Landscape Company following Board approval with the project commencing in April 2018.

The project supports goal five of the Smart Growth Action Plan to help fund transit and transportation improvements which foster smart growth principles. The Public Works Director, or designee, will engage with The Landscape Company through an existing on-call contract, to conduct the Newell Avenue Pathway Project. A map of the proposed

project is shown in Attachment B.

### **Tri-Valley Rising Report**

The Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership group in partnership with the Bay Area Council Economic Institute, proposes the 2018 Tri-Valley Rising Report, an update to the 2013 Tri-Valley Rising report. The 2013 report on the Tri-Valley focused specifically on its economic and physical interconnectedness to the broader Bay Area. The 2018 update to the report will dive deeper into the elements of the Tri-Valley economy that make it one of the most economically prosperous parts of the Bay Area region. It is an essential and unique document that measures, advances, and markets the Tri-Valley today. It provides a compelling narrative of the economic strength of the five cities and two counties, but also points out the challenges faced.

The report supports goal three of the Smart Growth Action Plan to promote innovative land use planning and design principles that encourage mixed use and infill development and goal four to promote economic revitalization in urban infill communities. The 2018 report will be divided into four main points of analysis including the economic overview of the Tri-Valley, the indicators of entrepreneurialism in the Tri-Valley, the relationship of land use and transportation planning to economic success, and the vision for the future of the Tri-Valley.

The Department of Conservation and Development Director, or designee, will execute a contract on behalf of the County, with the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group to fund the report \$10,000 to assist the 2018 Tri-Valley Rising Report finalization and publication. Other sources of financing include funding from the Cities of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and the Town of Danville. In addition, Alameda County Supervisors from District 1 and 4 are contributing to the updated report.

### **CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

The Newell Avenue Pathway project would not receive the subject funds, and the ability to complete the project would be compromised. The Tri-Valley Rising project would not receive the subject funds, and the ability to publish the report would be compromised.

### **CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:**

The Newell Avenue Pathway project supports outcome 5: Communities are Safe and Provide a High Quality of Life for Children and Families. The Children's Impact Statement is not applicable for the Tri-Valley Rising Report.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: LCT Project List

Attachment B: Newell Avenue Pathway Scoping Map

Newell Avenue CEQA Exemption