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County

To: Board of Supervisors

From: TRANSPORTATION, WATER & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Date: November 16, 2021

Subject: Proposed Caltrans Sustainable Communities Planning Grant applications (various)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Conservation and Development Director, or designee, to apply for and accept an amount not to exceed \$315,500 from the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Caltrans Sustainable Communities Planning Grant program for two proposed projects: the Parr Boulevard Complete Streets Project (North Richmond), and the Tara Hills Drive Complete Streets Project (Tara Hills).

FISCAL IMPACT:

None to the General Fund. Match funding of 12.38% (\$18,352 for the Parr Boulevard grant and \$26,200 for the Tara Hills Drive grant) will be an in-kind contribution of staff time. Staff time for recommended activities are covered under existing budgets (50% Road Fund and 50% Measure J Fund).

BACKGROUND:

On September 07, 2021, Caltrans released final grant guidelines and a call for projects for the Caltrans Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program. These planning grants will provide funding to encourage local and regional planning activities that further state goals, including, but not limited to, the goals and best practices cited in the Regional

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ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **11/16/2021** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor

Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor

Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor

Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor

Federal D. Glover, District V 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: November 16, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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cc:

Transportation Plan Guidelines adopted by the California Transportation Commission. This cycle is expected to include approximately \$34 million in Senate Bill (“SB”) 1 statewide competitive funding. The maximum grant award is \$700,000 and an 11.47% match is required (cash or in-kind contribution). Applications were due October 27, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Department of Conservation and Development and Public Works Department staff developed an initial list of candidate projects that was narrowed down to two based on their perceived success relative to the grant program objectives and previously awarded projects. Staff also considered the complexity of these applications and relatively short turnaround time (applications due by October 27) and determined it was best to focus on preparing the most eligible and ready candidate projects. Summaries of the candidate projects are provided below.

1. Parr Boulevard Complete Street Project – Richmond Parkway to Union Pacific Railroad (North Richmond)

This project proposes to widen Parr Boulevard from Richmond Parkway to the Union Pacific Railroad crossing (approximately 0.96-mile study segment) and provide Complete Street improvements. (Complete Streets are streets designed and operated to enable safe use and support mobility for all users). This project could also potentially tie into a Complete Streets effort currently underway on Giant Road in the City of San Pablo.

2. Tara Hills Drive Complete Streets Project (Tara Hills)

This project proposes to install bicycle and pedestrian improvements along Tara Hills Drive from San Pablo Avenue to the end of Tara Hills Drive and Cornelius Drive (approximately 0.67-mile study segment) to the City of Pinole.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

County staff will not apply for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 cycle of Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant program.