



CITY OF SAN MATEO

City Hall
330 W. 20th Avenue
San Mateo CA 94403
www.cityofsanmateo.org

Agenda Report

Agenda Number: 6

Section Name: {{section.name}}

Account Number: 10-4661

File ID: {{item.tracking_number}}

TO: City Council
FROM: Alex Khojikian, City Manager
PREPARED BY: Public Works Department
MEETING DATE: September 16, 2024

SUBJECT:
Hillsdale High School/31st Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project – Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution to approve the submittal of a grant application for \$390,720 to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority for Measures A and W Pedestrian and Bicycle Program Grant Funding for the Hillsdale High School/31st Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project.

BACKGROUND:

The San Mateo County Transportation Authority released a Call for Projects for grant funding from the Measures A and W Pedestrian and Bicycle Program on June 10, 2024. The funds through this grant program are intended to support projects that improve bicycling and walking accessibility and safety to encourage greater use of active transportation modes. Measure A was reauthorized in 2004 and is a half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements. Three percent of the revenue from Measure A is available through this grant program. Measure W was authorized by voters in 2018 and is a half-cent sales tax measure for transportation improvement implementation. Five percent of Measure W revenue is available through this grant program.

Staff proposes submitting a grant application for the Hillsdale High School/31st Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project. The project's goal is to enhance pedestrian safety along 31st Avenue from the Del Monte Street intersection to the Alameda de las Pulgas intersection by designing improvements such as, but not limited to, curb extensions, high-visibility and raised crosswalks, and a signal and protected intersection at the Alameda de las Pulgas intersection. The improvements were identified using feedback from a walk audit with Hillsdale High School staff, students, and parents which resulted in a list of recommended short- and long-term infrastructure improvements. In early August 2024, curb extensions and high visibility crosswalks from the recommended improvements list were constructed at two intersections on 31st Avenue through a quick-build project which uses cost-effective and more readily available materials to test the improvements and gauge effectiveness. The proposed grant application will advance the recommended improvements and quick build project into a construction-ready design and will also be consistent with City Council Priority Number 24 to prioritize planning, design, and construction of rapid safety improvement projects Citywide.

The total cost for planning, design, and environmental clearance for the Hillsdale High School/31st Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project is \$390,720. If awarded, the grant would require a 10 percent local match of \$39,072. Staff requests that Council adopt a resolution in support of the grant application and committing to providing the required matching funds if awarded the grant, as required by the Transportation Authority.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The submittal of the grant application for \$390,720 has no immediate financial impact. If awarded, the grant requires a ten percent minimum local match requirement (estimated at \$39,072). Staff intends to allocate funds from the City's Measure

A funding to fulfill the local match requirement and will request appropriation by Council in a future meeting if awarded.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

This resolution is not a project subject to CEQA, because it is an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).)

NOTICE PROVIDED

All meeting noticing requirements were met.

ATTACHMENTS

Att 1 - Proposed Resolution

STAFF CONTACT

Nicolette Chan, Associate Transportation Planner
nchan@cityofsanmateo.org
(650) 522-7326

Jay Yu, Engineering Manager
jyu@cityofsanmateo.org
(650) 522-7323