



MEMORANDUM

City Council

Date: December 17, 2024

To: City Council

From: Amy Augustine, City Planner

Re: ADOPT RESOLUTION 24-98 APPROVING THE RELEASE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO PREPARE AN UPDATE TO THE CITY'S 2016 TRAFFIC IMPACT MITIGATION FEES AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN, AUTHORIZE, AND EXECUTE ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS FOR THE UPDATE

Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution 24-98 approving the release of a request for proposals to prepare an update to the city's 2016 traffic impact mitigation fees and authorizing the city administrator to sign, authorize, and execute all relevant documents and agreements for the update.

Background:

Traffic Impact Mitigation Fees are charged to new development to offset a portion of the costs of capital improvement projects for new roads and circulation improvements associated with new development. TIMFs do not fund road maintenance. The City Council adopted the current 2016 TIMF study on a vote of 3-2 per Resolution 16-25 on June 21, 2016. The study was based on a projected 2.5% projected growth rate, which has not occurred.

TIMFs must conform to the multiple requirements of the U.S. and California Constitutions, and the California Mitigation Fee Act (California Government Code 66000 et seq).

The City Council recently update the City's development fees noting that the Traffic Impact Mitigation Fees (TIMF) had not been updated since 2016 and appeared to be out of line with those in other jurisdictions. The City's 2016 TIMFs include a 0.2% cost added to TIMFs to pay for updating the study after five years. Based on the preceding, Staff recommend an update to the TIMFs.

Strategic Plan Alignment

B5 Land Use Provide a well-organized and orderly development pattern that maintains and enhances Angels Camp's social, economic, cultural, environmental, and aesthetic resources while managing growth so that adequate facilities and services can be provided in pace with development.

An update to the City's 2016 TIMF will assist in ensuring adequate facilities and services (transportation related) will be provided in pace with development.

Discussion

Due to the extensive legal requirements surrounding the adoption of impact mitigation fees, the City anticipates hiring a consultant, as was done in 2016. The City further anticipates that contracted staff will update the costs of capital improvement projects selected to be included in the study. It is expected that the consultant will assemble a subcommittee to review the list of proposed traffic projects to be included in the study and provide guidance.

Environmental

The project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and state and city guidelines for implementation of said act pursuant to Section 15306, Class 6 of the state guidelines which states that CEQA does not apply to basic data collection or research which does not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The project includes collecting and analyzing data to prepare a report related to potential fees which have not yet been approved or adopted. Therefore, no analysis of potential impacts is required at this time.

Financial Impact

The City projects that the cost of updating the study itself will be approximately \$25,000. The study will require engineering services to update 2016 transportation capital improvement project costs at an estimated price of \$20,000-\$30,000 (to be completed by the City Engineer). Therefore, the total project cost will be approximately \$45,000-\$55,000. The entire cost will be paid for from the City's Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee fund.

Attachment

Resolution 24-98