

Capitola City Council

Agenda Report

Meeting: July 24, 2025

From: Public Works Department

Subject: Regional Transportation Improvement Program Grant - Sidewalk Infill



Recommended Action: Authorize staff to submit an application for Regional Transportation Improvement Program funding to construct high-priority sidewalk segments identified in the City's ADA Transition Plan.

Background: The Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) is a competitive funding program managed by the RTC to allocate federal and state transportation funds to high-priority regional projects. Funding is available through a combination of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Surface Transportation Block Grant/Regional Surface Transportation Program Exchange (STBG/RSTPX), and Local Partnership Program formulaic (LPP-f) sources, with total funding estimated between \$10 and \$17 million countywide through FY 2030–31. The program prioritizes projects that support multimodal transportation, safety, equity, climate resilience, and system preservation.

In the last RTIP cycle, Capitola successfully secured \$1 million for the 41st Avenue Multimodal Improvements Project.

Discussion: Staff intends to submit an application to fund construction of sidewalk segments prioritized in the City's ADA Transition Plan. These segments serve critical pedestrian routes near schools, parks, and transit stops and address known access barriers. The project advances the City's goals for equitable, accessible, and safe pedestrian infrastructure.

Proposed Sidewalk Locations

Location	Scope
Hill Street	South side infill near parking lots
Capitola Ave at Pine Street	East side gap closure
Mall to Summerfield ADA Ramp	New ADA ramp at pedestrian cut-through
Washburn Ave to Park Ave	East side gap near school
47th – Jade Street Park	West side sidewalk and curb
Wharf Rd (49th to Capitola Rd)	East side infill
Wharf Rd (Grace to Soquel Wharf)	East side infill
Center St and Riverview	New curb ramp
Capitola Ave to Hwy 1	West side gap closure
42nd Ave (Clares to Capitola Rd)	East side sidewalk
46th Ave (Clares to Capitola Rd)	West side sidewalk
49th Ave (Capitola Rd to Prospect)	West side sidewalk

Staff anticipates requesting approximately \$850,000 in RTIP funds. The project is scalable, allowing construction of individual segments if only partial funding is awarded.

Applications are due September 15, 2025. RTC advisory committees will review applications in October, with final decisions scheduled for November 6, 2025.

Fiscal Impact: There is no immediate fiscal impact. If awarded, required matching funds will be programmed in future capital improvement budgets.

Attachments:

1. RTC 2025 Consolidated Call for Projects

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