



**STAFF REPORT**  
**12/11/2024**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Jaime Arroyo, Grants Manager

**SUBJECT:** Adopt Resolution No. 2024-68 Authorizing the City Manager to Submit an Application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program in the Amount Not-To-Exceed Twenty-Five Million (\$25,000,000) Dollars for the City's Active Transportation Program (ATP) Project

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council considers adopting Resolution No. 2024-19 authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program in the amount not-to-exceed twenty-five million (\$25,000,000) dollars for the City's Active Transportation Program (ATP) Project.

**BACKGROUND:**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program provides grants for surface transportation infrastructure projects with significant local or regional impact. The eligibility requirements of RAISE allow project sponsors, including state and local governments, counties, Tribal governments, transit agencies, and port authorities, to pursue multi-modal and multi-jurisdictional projects that are more difficult to fund through other grant programs.

The RAISE program, previously known as the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) and Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grants, was established under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and operated under annual appropriations acts until authorized by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) in November 2021.

The City of Coachella will submit an application under Round 2:

The Department will make another round of selections using a portion of the \$1.5 billion in FY 2025 RAISE BIL funds and/or additional funding that may become available for the program under the FY 2025 Appropriations Act. Please note, all FY 2025 annual appropriations amounts

are subject to availability of funding. DOT cannot guarantee that Congress will appropriate additional funding to RAISE via a future FY2 025 appropriation.

### **DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:**

The City of Coachella is submitting a RAISE Grant application for funding in the amount not-to-exceed \$25,000,000 for its ATP Connecting Coachella project. Connecting Coachella is the direct result of extensive outreach, engagement, data collection, and feasibility analysis conducted as a part of the 2020 Coachella Active Transportation Plan. Connecting Coachella is also the result of winning the California Transformative Climate Communities grant, which funds projects that address climate change.

The project will create 3.6 miles of a Class I multi-modal path, 2.6 miles of Class II bike lanes, 1.4 miles of sidewalk, and 14 crosswalk enhancements. The project will connect to the Coachella Valley Link Multi-Use Trail (CV Link) and the Arts and Music Line Connector Multimodal Pathway. Infrastructure improvements also include a roundabout; sidewalks; lighted bollards; 6- to 12-foot landscape buffer with shade trees; high-visibility crosswalks; enhanced signals; and raised medians and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps to improve pedestrian/bicycle safety at crossings, reduce speeding, and improve visibility for walking/biking. New shade structures, benches, drinking fountains, bike repair kiosks, trash cans, and art installations will enhance the path as well.

The project will benefit students, families, residents, and visitors by bringing needed active transportation infrastructure and improved safety, making active transportation a more viable option.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Submission of this grant application has no fiscal impact on the City of Coachella. The project site is in an identified Area of Persistent Poverty and Historically Disadvantaged Community, making it eligible for up to 100% in Federal funding.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-69 Authorizing the City Manager to Submit an Application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program in the Amount Not-To-Exceed Twenty-Five Million (\$25,000,000) Dollars for the City's Active Transportation Program (ATP) Project
2. Not Adopt Resolution No. 2024-69 Authorizing the City Manager to Submit an Application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program in the Amount Not-To-Exceed Twenty-Five Million (\$25,000,000) Dollars for the City's Active Transportation Program (ATP) Project

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution No. 2024-68