



STAFF REPORT
3/22/2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Celina Jimenez, Economic Development Director

SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to Submit an Application to the Riverside County Transportation Commission under its FY 23/24 SB 821 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Biennial Call for Projects Program to Restripe Bicycle Lanes along Grapefruit Boulevard between Avenue 48 to Park Lane and Cesar Chavez Street between Grapefruit Boulevard and Avenue 54

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council consider approving the submission of an application to the Riverside County Transportation Commission under its FY 23/24 SB 821 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Biennial Call for Projects Program to restripe bicycle lanes along Grapefruit Boulevard between Avenue 48 to Park Lane and Cesar Chavez Street between Grapefruit Boulevard and Avenue 54, two of the City's major transportation corridors.

BACKGROUND:

TDA Article 3, or SB 821, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program, is provided through the Transportation Development Act (TDA), funded through a ¼ cent of the general sales tax collected statewide. The TDA provides two major sources of funding for public transportation: the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and the State Transit Assistance (STA). The LTF provides funding for essential transit and commuter rail services, TDA Article 3/SB 821 and planning. Each year, two percent of the LTF revenue is made available for use on bicycle and pedestrian facility projects through TDA Article 3/SB 821 program. This is a discretionary program administered by the Commission. Based on the FY 2022/23 mid-year adjustments, FY 2023/24 apportionments, and project savings, the amount available for programming in the 2023 TDA Article 3/SB 821 Call for Projects is an estimated \$6,901,202.

The SB 821 Call for Projects occurs on a biennial basis, with a release date on the first Monday in February and a close date on the last Thursday in April. Per Commission's Article 3/SB 821 adopted policies, awardees receiving an allocation have 36 months from award, defined as July 1 of the Call for Projects fiscal year cycle to complete construction and submit final claim forms. Where substantial progress or compelling reason for delay can be shown, awardees may be granted time extensions in twelve-month increments at the discretion of the Executive Director.

Eligible Projects: Per TDA, eligible projects include:

- Construction, including related engineering expenses, of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, or for bicycle safety education programs.
- Maintenance of bicycling trails, which are closed to motorized traffic.
- Maintenance and repairs of Class I off-street bicycle facilities only.
- Restriping Class II bicycle lanes.
- Facilities provided for the use of bicycles that serve the needs of commuting bicyclists, including, but not limited to, new trails serving major transportation corridors, secure bicycle parking at employment centers, park and ride lots, and transit terminals where other funds are available.
- Development of comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plans (limitations apply). Plans must emphasize bike/pedestrian facilities that support utilitarian bike/pedestrian travel rather than solely recreational activities.

Temporary facilities, projects in the bid process, or projects that are under construction will not be funded.

Program Schedule

- February 6, 2023 Call for Projects released. Guidelines and application available
- February 7 – April 20, 2023 One-on-One Sessions on program eligibility and guidance
- April 27, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m. Proposals due to RCTC via Rivtrack
- May 11, 2023 Evaluation Committee scores proposals
- June 14, 2023 Present recommended funding allocation to Commission for project award
- July 1, 2023 Project Start October 1, 2023 Deadline to Execute MOU with Commission
- July 1, 2026 Project Completion

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Staff is requesting authorization from the City Council to submit a grant application in the amount of \$690,120 in SB 821 funds, plus 25% in local matching funds in the amount of \$172,530 to restripe bicycle lanes along Grapefruit Boulevard between Avenue 48 to Park Lane and Cesar Chavez Street between Grapefruit Boulevard and Avenue 54, two of the City’s major transportation corridors. The recommended street segments are two of the City’s major transportation corridors that are in close proximity to schools, shopping centers, health clinics, and the transit hub. This project will help enhance safety and mobility for residents and improve public health by encouraging physical activity and mode shift on bicycles and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Application Limit	\$690,120
<u>Local Match (25%)</u>	<u>\$172,530</u>
Total	\$862,650

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize the City Manager to Submit an Application to the Riverside County Transportation Commission under its FY 23/24 SB 821 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Biennial Call for Projects Program to Restripe Bicycle Lanes along Grapefruit Boulevard between Avenue 48 to Park Lane and Cesar Chavez Street between Grapefruit Boulevard and Avenue 54
2. Not authorize the submission of this application

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total estimated project cost including design, construction, construction engineering, and contingency is \$862,650. The Public Works Department is proposing to provide 25% in local matching funds (\$172,530) to make the project more competitive to receive grant funding. The local matching funds will be drawn from General Fund Reserves.

ATTACHMENT(S):

None.