



**STAFF REPORT**  
**7/23/2025**

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

**FROM:** Jaime Arroyo, Grants Manager

**SUBJECT:** Adopt Resolution No. 2025-42 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Grant Agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for its Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant in the Amount of \$393,740 for the Cesar Chavez Street Corridor Transformation Plan

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council consider adopting Resolution No. 2025-42 authorizing the City Manager to execute a grant agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for its Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant in the amount of \$393,740 for the Cesar Chavez Street Corridor Transformation Plan.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program was created to support the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) Mission: Provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment.

The California Legislature passed, and Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed into law, Senate Bill 1 (SB 1, Beall, Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017) – The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, a transportation funding bill that provides a reliable fund source to maintain and integrate the State's multimodal transportation system. In addition to the \$9.5 million in traditional State and federal grants, approximately \$25 million in SB 1 funds for Sustainable Communities Grants is available for each grant cycle.

On January 22, 2025, the City applied to the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant to fund its Cesar Chavez Street Corridor Transformation Plan. On July 1, 2025, City staff was informed that the grant was awarded to the City in the amount of \$393,740, with a required city match of \$51,014.

**DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:**

The City of Coachella proposed the Cesar Chavez Street Corridor Transformation Plan to

address critical transportation and land use challenges along the city’s most significant north-south corridor. Cesar Chavez Street is designed in a suburban, automobile-centric manner that discourages walking and bicycling, isolates neighborhoods, and contributes to high numbers of pedestrian- and bicycle-involved crashes. This project will create a comprehensive transformation plan that prioritizes safety, expands multimodal access, and fosters sustainable land use along the corridor.

The Plan will be developed in partnership with CivicWell and local nonprofit, Raices Cultura, emphasizing public engagement to ensure alignment with community needs. It will build upon the City’s Active Transportation Plan, recent ATP-funded projects and new affordable housing and transit-oriented infill development, and regional goals outlined in SCAG’s Connect SoCal 2020-45 SCS/RTP to advance sustainable and equitable urban development.

The total project cost is \$444,754. Below is a budget breakdown:

<b>Grant Award</b>	<b>Total Local Match</b>	<b>% Local Match</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>
\$393,740	\$51,014	11.47%	\$444,754

Conditions of Award are due to Caltrans by August 8, 2025.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-42 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Grant Agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for its Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant in the Amount of \$393,740 for the Cesar Chavez Street Corridor Transformation Plan
2. Not Adopt Resolution No. 2025-42 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Grant Agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for its Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant in the Amount of \$393,740 for the Cesar Chavez Street Corridor Transformation Plan

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-42 will require the City to provide a local match of \$51,014, 11.47% of the total project amount. This local match is recommended to be funded from the General Fund.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution No. 2025-42